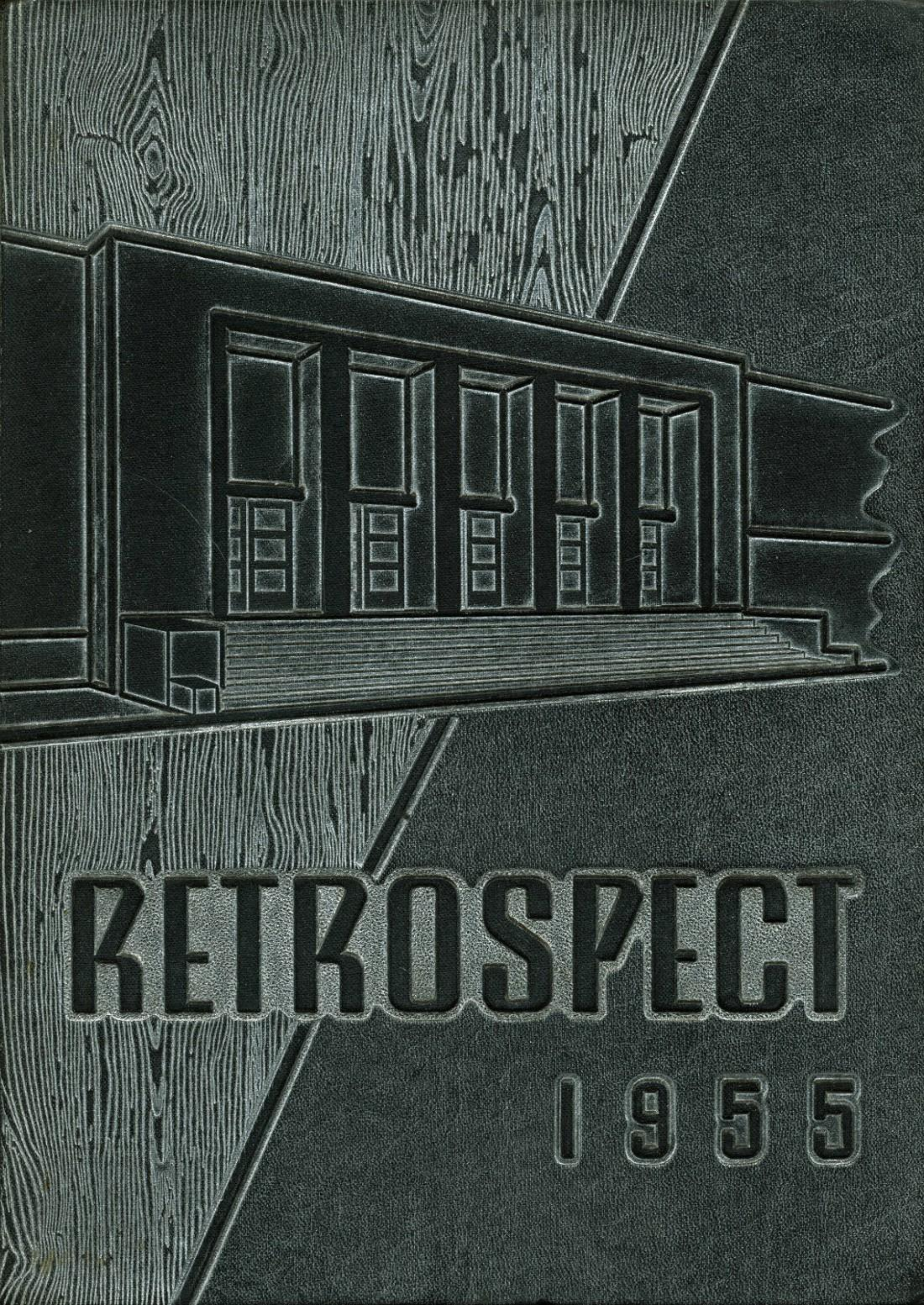
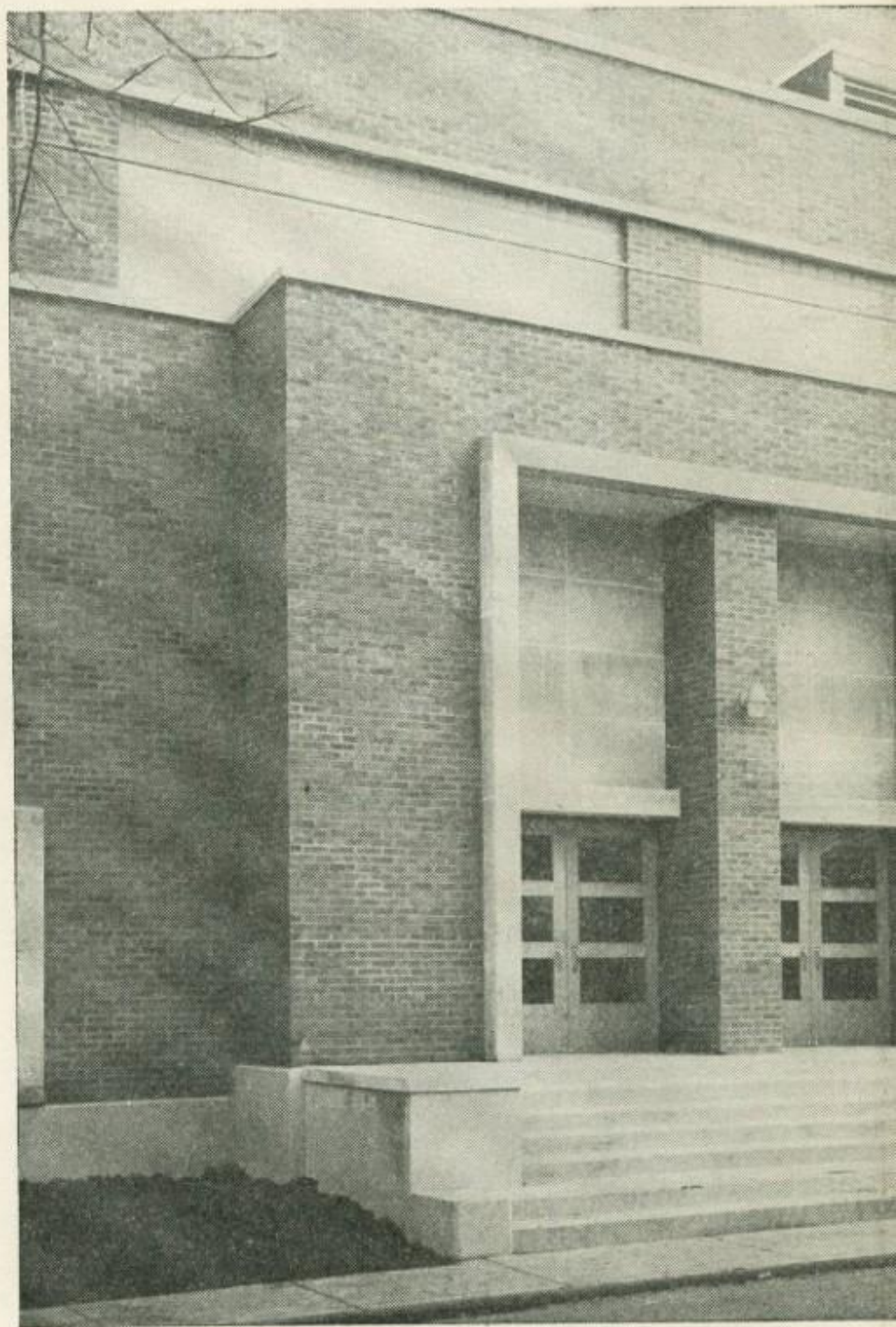
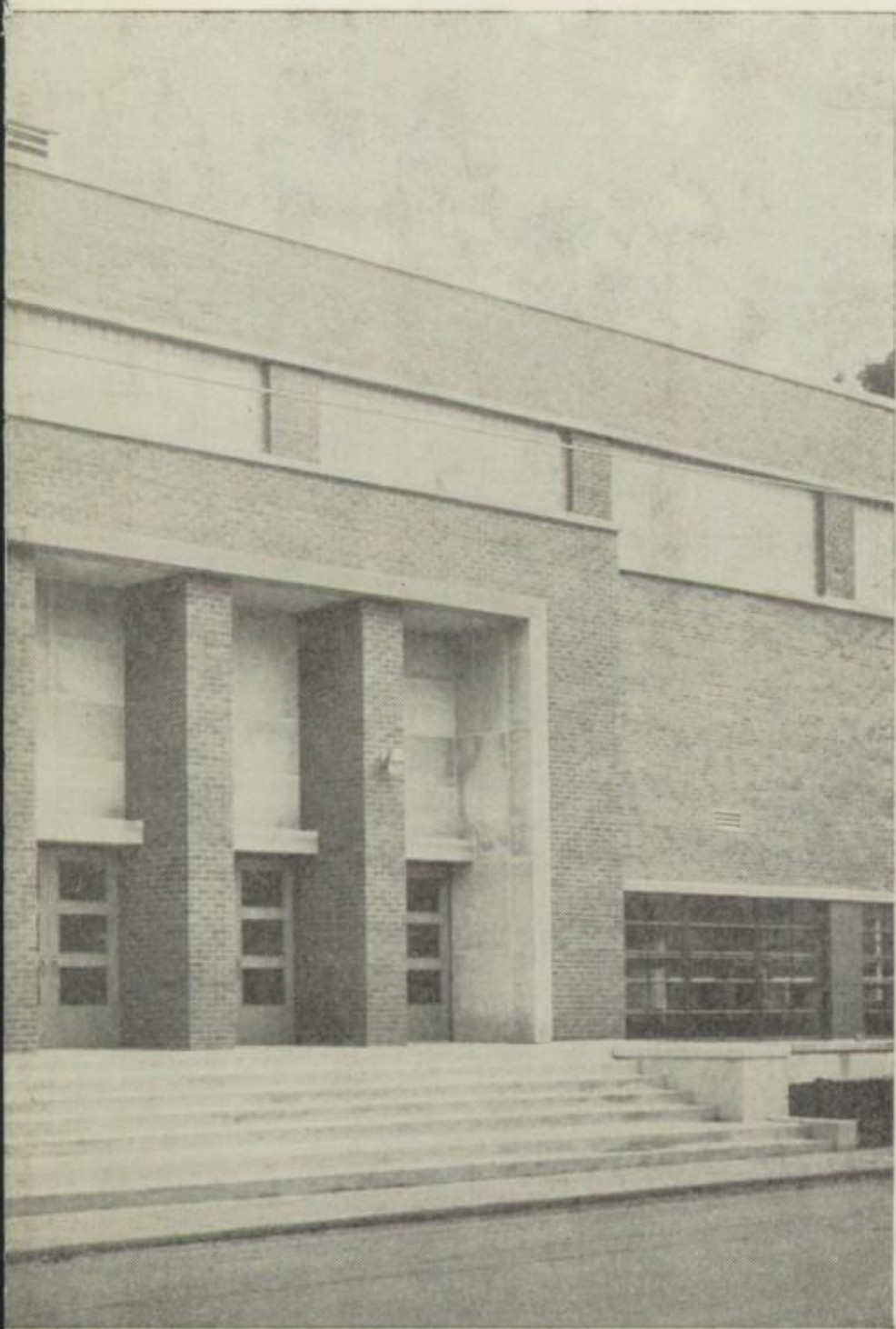


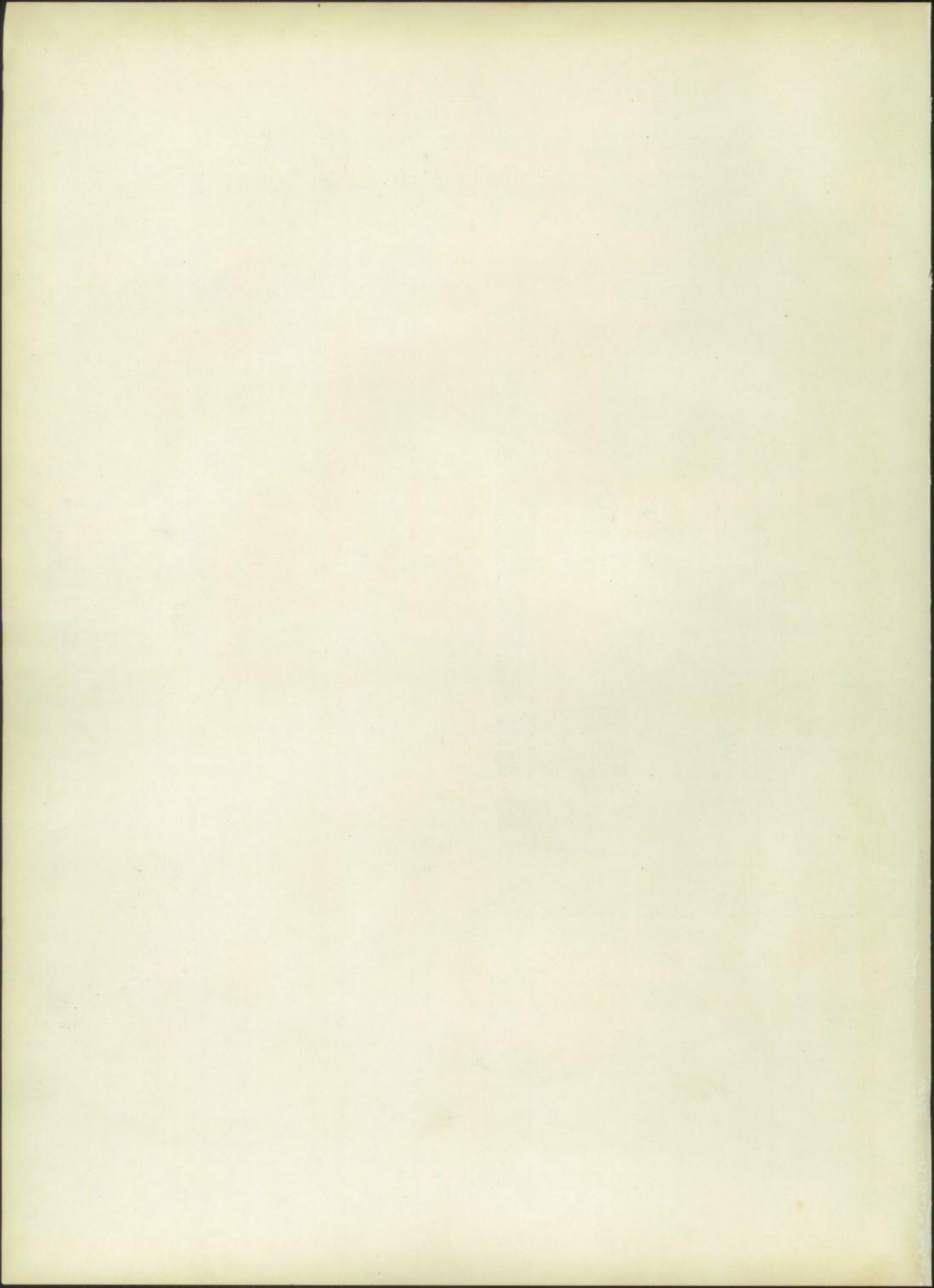


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The Real Action Begins...

Fellows ignore the temptations of spring fever and willingly don old clothes to get the action underway.

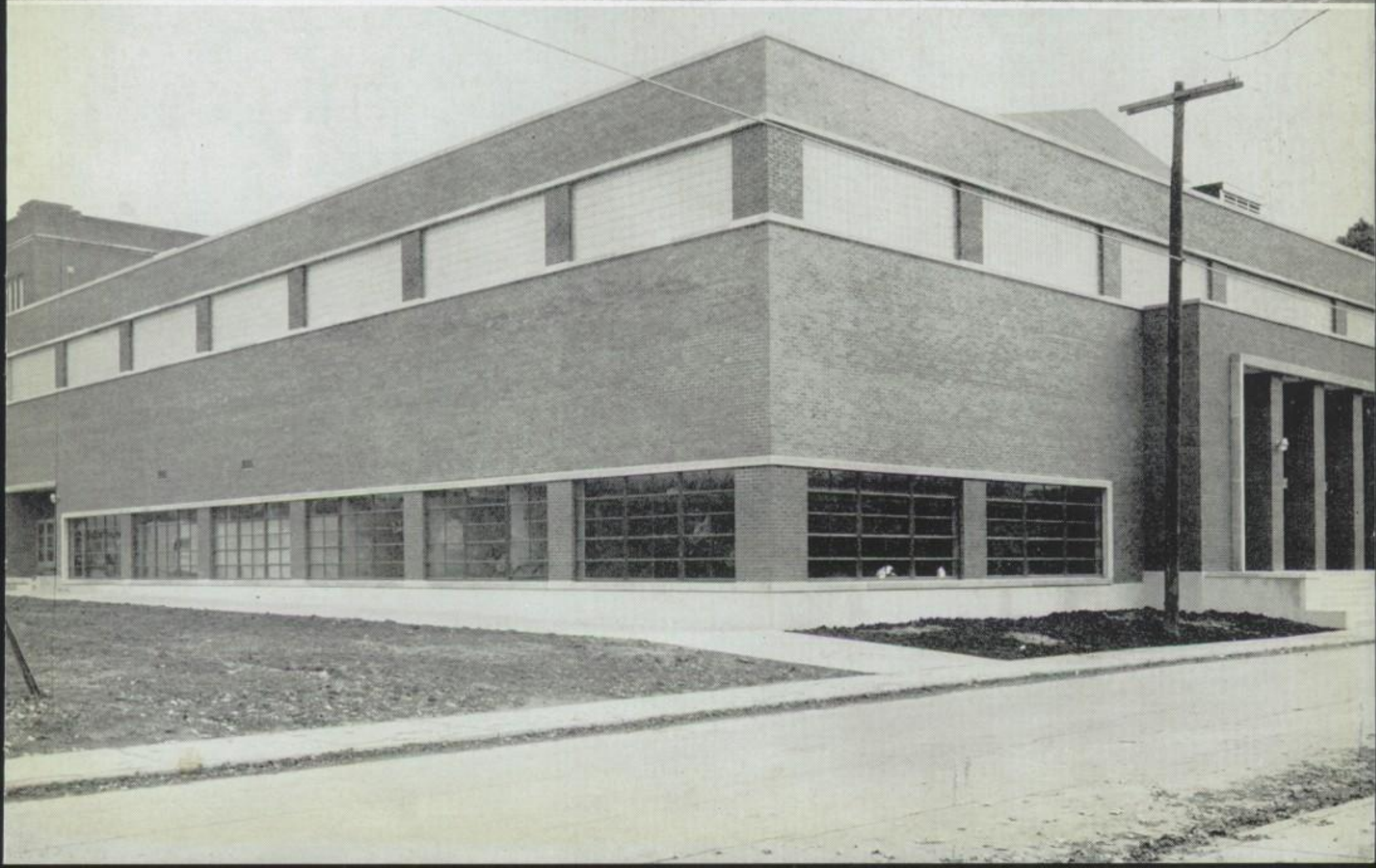
Up and down, round and round, tired but happy students acquire many stiff muscles as the pace becomes intensified.

The girls, too, get into the spirit of moving and enthusiastically attempt manual labor.

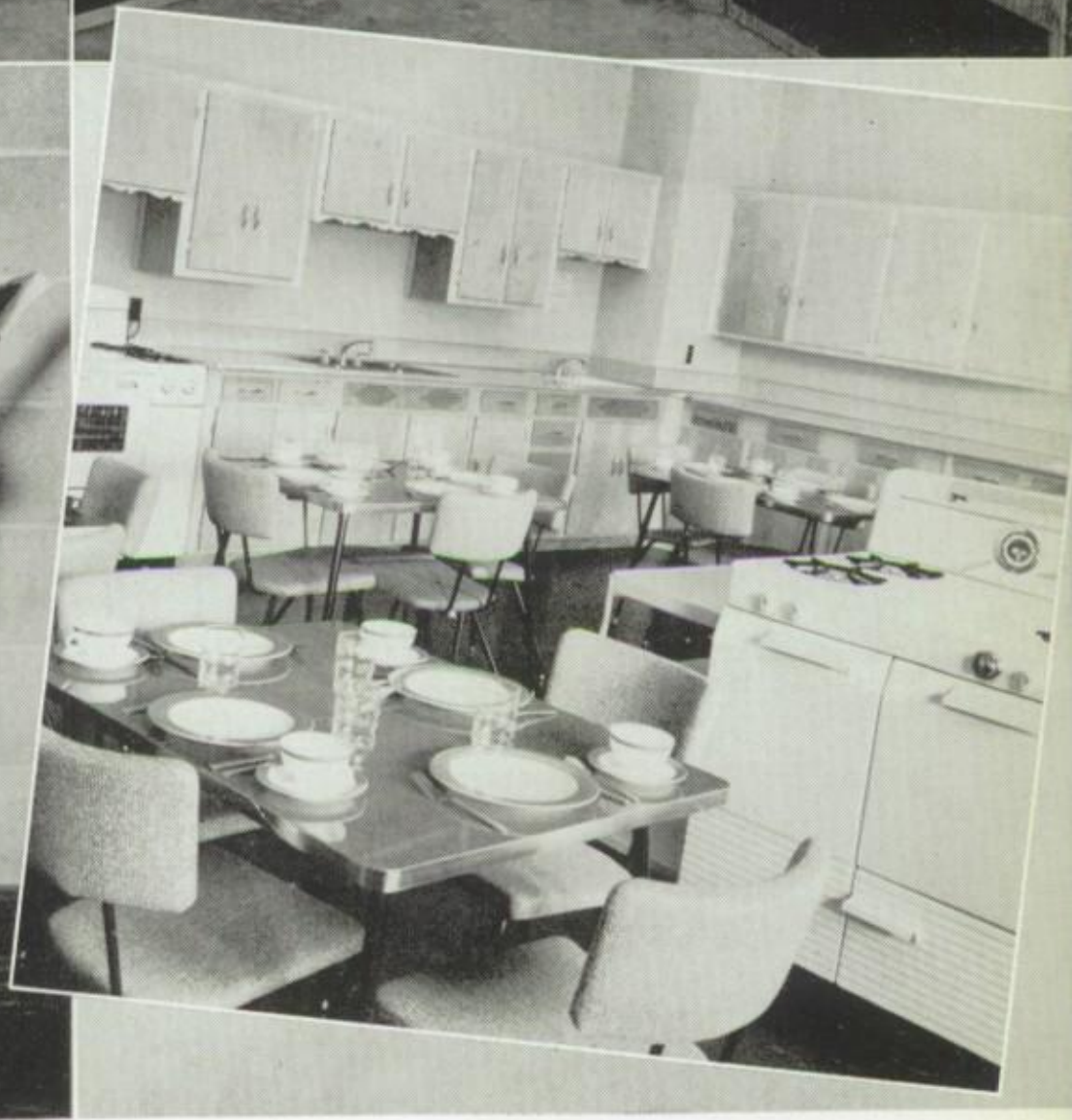
Many interested spectators made periodic visits to the site of our new addition as it slowly but steadily began to take shape.

When the day of completion arrived, hundreds more proudly witnessed the dedication and toured "Bluffton's Little Coliseum."





Atmosphere of Excitement Reigns



The doors of the "long awaited" addition at last swing open admitting energetic students, eager to make use of the attractive new classrooms and ultra-modern accommodations. Even the daily routine becomes enjoyable in the new surroundings.

as First Year Begins . . .



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ENERGETIC FACULTY GETS INTO THE Act---





Everyone takes turns in the
moving fun;
Even the teachers are on
the run.



Board of Education



John H. Edris acts as treasurer of the board and very capably handles the numerous duties included in his office.

Dr. H. D. Brickley as president of our Board of School Trustees has guided the group in making the decisions for another successful year.

Homer A. Markley, again serving as secretary, has contributed to the welfare of each of us in school as he carries out the work of his office.



Mr. Park

The members of the Class of 1955 have in the past year played a noteworthy part in many significant activities in the growth and development of the opportunities which the citizens of this community have provided for young people who attend Bluffton High School.

Since you have played an important role in these activities, without a doubt you will continue to assume much responsibility in the future in whatever areas you find your interests and abilities directing you. May the same sincerity of purpose and high ideals follow you no matter what the direction in which you travel.



Mr. Willey

Congratulations on the completion of another school year. May the publication of this 1955 Retrospect containing a record of your high school activities bring you much pleasure as you examine its contents.

It is our hope that your high school experience has enriched your life to such an extent that you will be successful in all your future work.

You are expected to take your place in the community, and you must be able to think and act intelligently on the important current problems.

Your high school education will help you to understand and interpret the accumulation of ideas, knowledge and values that constitute everyday experience.

Secretaries

Kate Rix, Mr. Park's efficient assistant, types out program cards for the school file.

Mr. Willey's capable and efficient secretary, Barbara Wolf, checks details at the safe.



Faculty



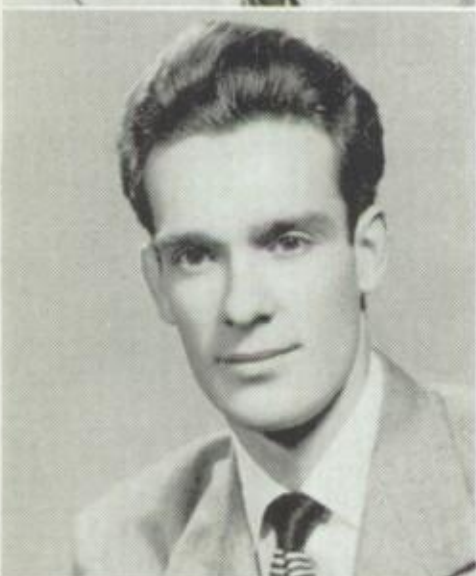
MARY E. BEITLER—B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College; English and Girls' Physical Education; G. A. A. Sponsor; Sophomore Class Sponsor.



LEROY COMPTON—B.S., Butler University; M.S., Indiana University; Physical Education and Biology; Basketball and Baseball Coach; Sophomore Class Sponsor.



ROBERT N. BENNETT—B.A., Butler University; Commerce; Ticket Chairman; Sophomore Class Sponsor.



EVELYN GERKE CROSOVER—B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Vocational Home Economics; Y-Teen Sponsor; Senior Class Sponsor.



RALPH BROMAN—A.B., Ball State Teachers College; Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; Junior Class Sponsor.



JAMES A. HIRSCHINGER—B.S., Purdue University; Mathematics and Biology; Rifle Club Sponsor; Freshman Class Sponsor.



HAROLD CHAMBERLAIN—B.M., Indiana University; Vocal Music; Director of Concert Chorus.



HERBERT E. HOFFMAN—B.S., M.S., Purdue University; Social Science and Driver Training; Football and Track Coach; Freshman Class Sponsor.



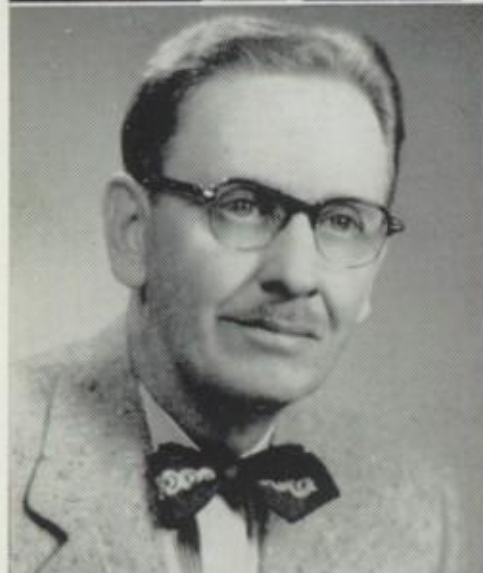
GENEVIEVE CHRISTIAN—B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Library Science; Assistant Director of Dramatics.



JOSEPH F. LARMORE—B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Industrial Arts; Assistant Football Coach; Senior Class Sponsor.



BETTY RITTER—B.S., Purdue University; English and Speech; Junior Class Sponsor; Quill and Scroll Sponsor; Supervisor of Retrospect.



CLEO F. MILLER—B.S., Purdue University; Vocational Agriculture, Science, Driver Training; Future Farmers of America Sponsor; Freshman Class Sponsor.

ROBERT SCHLATTER—B.M., M.S., Indiana University; Instrumental Music; Director of Concert Band.



EDWIN R. McNOWN—A.B., Indiana University; English and Social Science; Director of Dramatics; Sponsor of Thespian Society; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

LAWRENCE E. TEMPLIN—B.S., Manchester College; Industrial Arts; Director of Athletic and Intramural Program; Junior Class Sponsor.



EILEEN NAGEL—B.S., M.S., Indiana University; Latin and English; Assistant Director of Dramatics; Sponsor Sodalitas Latinae; Senior Class Sponsor.

LLOYD ULMER—B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Social Science; Hi-Y Sponsor; Senior Class Sponsor.



MARGARET POWERS—A.B., DePauw University; Commerce; Sponsor National Honor Society; Freshman Class Sponsor.

LUCILLE VENIS—A.B., Indiana University; Mathematics; Junior Class Sponsor.



MARGARET RHODES—A.B., University of Illinois; Study.

MARY E. WALLACE—B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Art; Sponsor Art Club.

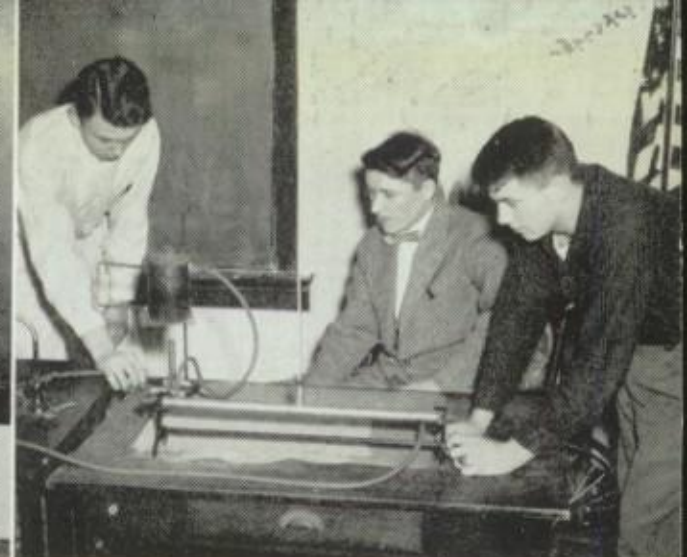




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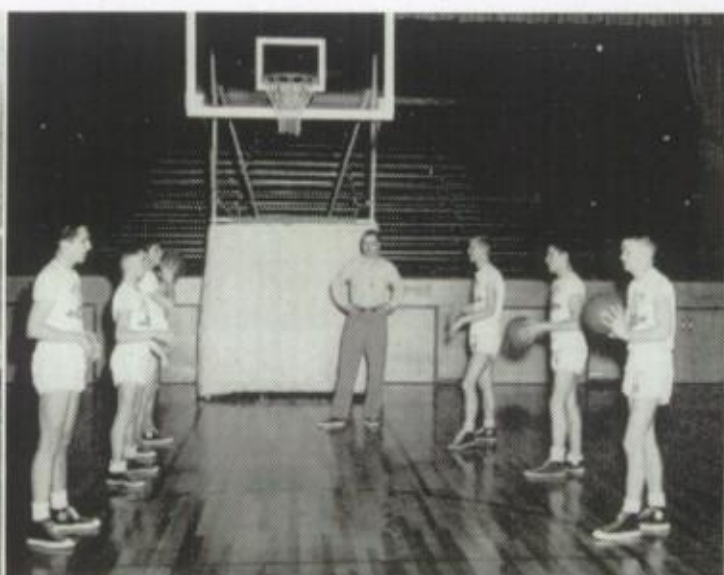
S. Prible, Mr. Bennett, J. Steffen.



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D. Arnold, B. Steffen, Mrs. Christian.



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D. Arnold, Mrs. Crownover, Clanin, D. Perry.



Mr. Hirschinger, R. Arend, Daniels, Judy Thompson.



Mr. Hoffman, L. Arend, Borne, J. Steffen, Bob Steele, Speheger, C. Betz, Buckner.



Davison, Flynn, Campbell, Mr. Larmore, Petzel.



Captain, N. Markley, J. Creek, Mr. Miller.



Mr. McNown, Henry, Mettler.



Helms, C. Ulmer, Miss Nagel, Maxson, P. Kneuss, M. Higgins.



M. Wilson, Miss Powers, S. Markley.



Stotlar, F. Sliger, Mrs. Rhodes, C. Steele.



D. Park, White, Mr. Schlatter.



Mr. Templin, White, Tudor, L. Sliger, B. Stout, Stotlar.



C. Templin, Janet Williams, Beverly Inskeep, Mr. Ulmer, Nancy Millington.



Mrs. Wallace, L. Larmore, Johnston, J. Rush, Priba.

**EVERYONE HELPS MOVE FROM THE OLD
TO THE NEW---**





Books are thrown away
as students become
movers for a day.



LINDA AREND—*Good-Natured*—Academic. Comet 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Thespian Society 4. Aspires to be a nurse.

CAROL BERCOT—*Pleasant*—General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Class Sec. 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2. Is a whiz at typing. Plans to be an efficient secretary.

CHANCEY BETZ—*Dependable*—General Industrial Arts. Baseball 2. Loves hunting and fishing. Mechanically inclined. Plans to enter Air Force after graduation.

GARLAND BORNE—*Amicable*—General. Retro Literary Editor; Comet 3; Latin Club 2; Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Music Director 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, Librarian 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 4, Pres. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; State English contest 4. Music and dramatics are her fields. College ahead.



CAROLINE BUCKNER — *Responsible* — Academic. Retro Business Manager; Comet 1, 2, 3, Business Manager 2, 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Sec. 3; Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus Accompanist 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian Society 4; 4-H 2, 3. Hopes to teach school. Will attend Indiana University.

Seniors

MARY BUTLER—*Petite*—General. Comet 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3. On to nurse's training.

CHARLES CAPTAIN—*Intent*—Vocational Agriculture. Retro Sports Editor; National Honor Society 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treas. 2, Reporter 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Rifle Club 4, Pres. 4; Student Council 4. One of the best farmers one can find.

SHARON CARNALL — *Earnest* — Commercial. Y-Teens 3; Cheer Block 4; 4-H 1. Sharon plans to work in her father's office after graduation. A very enthusiastic Tiger fan.

LALONNIE CLANIN — *Natural* — Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. "Lonnie" plans to work after graduation. Was a whiz in the driver training car.

NANCY COSTELLO—*Giggles*—General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; G. A. A. 1. Nancy will be seen around the campus of Ball State next year. Loves to swim.





JOSEPH CREEK — *Calm* — Vocational Agriculture. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Sergeant-at-arms 4; Student Council 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, Captain 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; Sr. Rotarian. Out to break the B. H. S. mile record before graduation. Plans to continue farming.

KAY DAVIS — *Excitable* — General. Latin Club 2, 3, 4, Praetor 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. "Kay" has plans for a nursing career. Hopes to receive her training at Wesley Memorial Hospital.

MARY ANN DECKER — *Energetic* — General. Comet 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Student Librarian 4. "Deck" is a strong supporter of our Tigers. Hopes to become an airline stewardess.

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DARLENE DENMAN — *Efficient* — Commercial. Glee 1, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian 4; Cheerblock 1, 2, 3, 4; Her "after graduation" plans are indefinite but we bet it will be something along the commercial line. She is one of Bluffton's peppiest basketball fans.

SUSAN DORRANCE — *Conscientious* — Academic. Cheerblock 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; National Honor Society 4; State English Contest 4. Susan hopes to attend college for a couple of years and then enter nurse's training. She is happiest when playing some of her favorite piano selections.

GERALD DUNWIDDIE — *Regular Fellow* — Vocational Agriculture. Hi-Y 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4. A better farmer would be hard to find. He was a real "whiz" on the basketball floor and kept the opponents really busy.

ROBERT DAVIS — *Argumentative* — General. Class Play 3; Student Council 1; Band 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 4; Sr. Rotarian. Bob has won the distinction of being the best male B. H. S. cheerleader in many years. Army ahead.

VANCE DAVISON — *Mischievous* — Commercial. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Rifle Club 4. To be an X-ray technician is Vance's hope. Plans to work at the Clinic.



SHIRLEY ELLENBERGER — *Fervent* — General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4. Plans to attend Olivet Nazarene Bible College next fall. She inherits her father's nimble auctioneering tongue and also is at home when tinkering with cars.

TERRY FLOWERS — *Adroit* — General. Basketball 1, 2; Wrestling 3; Glee 1; Comet 3, 4; Athletic Councilman 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4. His hobby is working on cars but some of these "candid" snaps around B. H. S. have come from Terry's famous camera.





TOM FRENCH—*Romeo*—General. Science Club 2, 3; Class Play 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Student Council 2, 4, Pres. 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 4; Sr. Rotarian "Rocky" plans to attend Purdue Extension. Hopes to become an engineer.

DORIS GARRISON — *Reticent* — General. Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. Doris plans to work after graduation.

BERNARD GEELS — *Happy-Go-Lucky*—Vocational Agriculture. Student Council 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 2, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4. "Pete" is a demon on ice skates. Plans to continue farming after graduation.

ROBERT GEISEL—*Easy-Going*—General. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 3; Basketball 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; 4-H 3, 4. Has had some interesting experiences on trips to Chicago. Farming is his love.



GLADYS GERBER—*Quiet*—General. Gladys will work after graduation. Likes cooking, sewing, and baking. Has turned out some mighty delectable dishes during her four years of home economics.

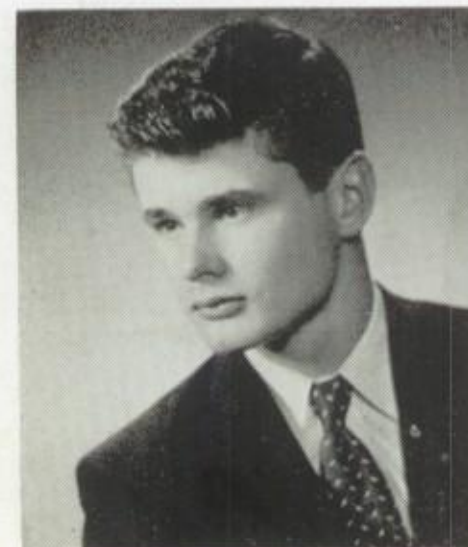
DIANE GORDON—*Neat*—Commercial. Comet 4; National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 4; Student Librarian 4. Seldom missed a basketball game. Hopes to become an executive secretary after graduation at International College.

MARION GRAY—*Unperturbed*—Vocational Agriculture. F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, Treas. 3. Has a keen interest in airplanes. He too enjoyed those F. F. A. trips to Chicago. Plans to keep up his farming after graduation.

JANE GREGG—*Changeable*—Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4. Another staunch Tiger fan. Has kept up a good bowling average. Likes to ice-skate. Plans to work after graduation.

SHIRLEY GREGG — *Competent* — Academic. Retro Editor-in-Chief; Comet 1, 2, 3, Editor 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2, 3, Sec. 3; Class Play 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 4; Glee 1, 2; Class Vice-Pres. 1, Treas. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4; Student Librarian 4; State Latin Contest 1, 2. Further education, then on to teaching.

JEANNE GROVER—*Candid*—Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4. Hard to beat when it comes to knocking down those bowling pins. Hopes to find work after graduation. "One-Half" of the famous Grover duo.





VIRGINIA GROVER—*Loyal*—Commercial. Bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. The "other half" of the Grover couple. She and sister, Jeanne, confuse one when they are dressed alike. Will look for a good job after receiving diploma.

ROBERT HARTER—*Athletic*—General. Comet 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4, Pres. 4. Bob has graced B. H. S. with many of his art achievements. An active member of the National Guard.

BARBARA HELLER—*Cheerful*—General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Glee 1, 2, 3; Class Vice-Pres. 2, Sec. 3, Treas. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec-Treas. 2; Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4. "Barb" is really a whiz on the basketball floor. Always a cheerful smile for all.

ROBERT HIESTER—*Nonchalant*—Academic. Comet 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2, 3; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4. Keeps every class peppy. Plans to attend Indiana Tech. Hopes to be an engineer.

ED HIGGINS—*Contented*—General. Class Play 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Sr. Rotarian. His fingers move like "greased lightning" across the piano keys. His own arrangements are tops.

EMMA FAY HOLLOWAY—*Sincere*—Home Economics. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4. Will make a fine homemaker. Her sewing talents are hard to beat. Hopes to attend business college.



EUGENE HUFFMAN—*Carefree*—General Industrial Arts. Comet 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Rifle Club 4. "Woody" is happiest when tinkering with a car. After graduation the army is first on the agenda, then a good job.

SHIRLEY KIPFER—*Pert*—Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. "Shirl" will try her hand at being a switchboard operator. She kept a strong pair of lungs busy at the basketball games.

MARLENE KNIGHT — *Chatterbox* — Commercial. Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. Always making people happy. Loves to travel.

LIBBY KYLE—*Peppy*—Academic. Comet 1, 2, 3; Retro Literary Editor; National Honor Society 3, 4, Pres. 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2, 3; Class play prompter 3; Class Play 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Thespian Society 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award; Student Librarian 4; Quill and Scroll 4; State English Contest 4. "Lib" is an efficient librarian and a real whiz at ping-pong.



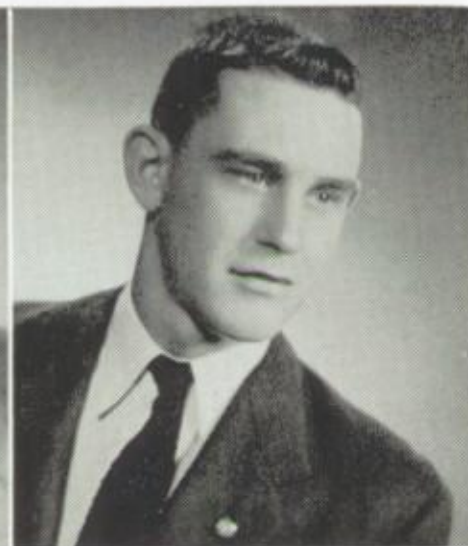
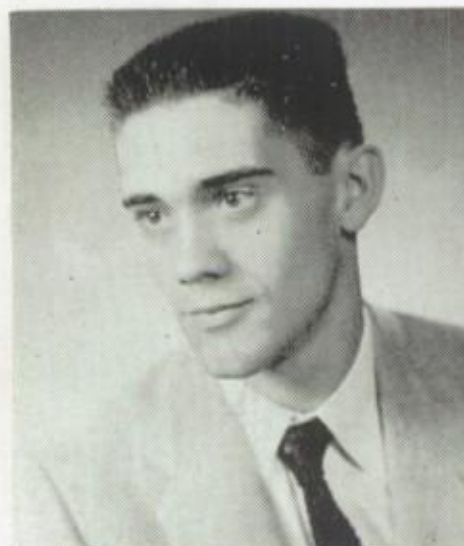


DIANN LANGEL — *Sociable* — Commercial. Class Play 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Class Sec. 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4. Plans to continue working.

LOIS LARMORE — *Artistic* — Commercial. Retro Art Editor; Comet 2; National Honor Society 3, 4, Sec. 4; Class Play 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; Art Club 2, 3, 4, Sec. 2, 3, Vice-Pres. 4. Lois' hobbies are fashion designing and illustrating. Further schooling at International Business College.

ROBERT LEE — *Zealous* — General. Retro Associate Editor; Latin Club 2; Class Play 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Pianist 3; Student Council 4; Band 2, 3, 4, Drum Major 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4, Pres. 4; Rotary Speech Contest 4; Jr. Town Meeting 4; Quill and Scroll 4; State English Contest 4. Bob plans to go to Manchester College to become a teacher.

MARILYN LINN — *Friendly* — Commercial. Retro Art Editor; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. There's an office job in the future for Marilyn.



JERRY LOCKWOOD — *Clownish* — General. Class Play 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 2; Dramatics Playhouse 2, 3; Thespian Society 4. Jerry's hobby is cars. It's the U. S. Marines for Jerry after graduation.

ROBERT LUSK — *Likable* — Vocational Agriculture. Class Play 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2; Sr. Rotarian. "Gus" will either join the service or attend Purdue University after graduation.

NOLAN MARKLEY — *Impish* — Vocational Agriculture. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Conductor 2, Reporter 3, Vice-Pres. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Sr. Rotarian. "Nub" is a future farmer.

SHIRLEY MARKLEY — *Affable* — Commercial. Class Play Prompter 3; Class Play 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, Sec. 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Class Treas. 2, Sec. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. To be an airline hostess is her desire.

JAYNE (MOCK) MARTIN — *Domestic* — General. Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Class Play Prompter 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Thespian Society 4, Sec. 4; 4-H 1. Now is putting her hobby of cooking to good use.

PATRICIA MASTERSON — *Equestrienne* — Commercial. Class Play 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2. It's a job for Pat this summer.





PATRICIA MICKLITSCH — *Ambitious* — General. Retro Activities Editor; Comet 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 4; Science Club 2, 3, Treas. 3; Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Treas. 3, Pres. 4; Student Council 4, Sec. 4; Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4, Sec. 3; Cheer Block 1; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Jr. Town Meeting 4; Psi Ote Ring. It's Ball State and a teaching career for Pat.

JEAN MILBY — *Lively* — Commercial. Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian Society 4. Jean is an excellent roller skater.

ROXY NELSON — *Enthusiastic* — General. Retro Activities Editor; Comet 3; National Honor Society 4; Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Class Vice-Pres. 3, 4; Cheer Block 3, 4, Captain 4; Dramatics Club 3; Thespian Society 3, 4; Student Librarian 4. Roxy came to us from New Haven in her junior year.

MARILYN NEUENSCHWANDER — *Capable* — Home Economics. National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Cheer Block 3, 4; Retro Typist. A secretarial job in the future.

CAROL NOFFSINGER — *Shy* — Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2; Retro Typist. A secretarial job after school for "Noffie."

SHIRLEY NOONAN — *Loquacious* — General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3. "Shirl" hopes for a job at Kresge's.

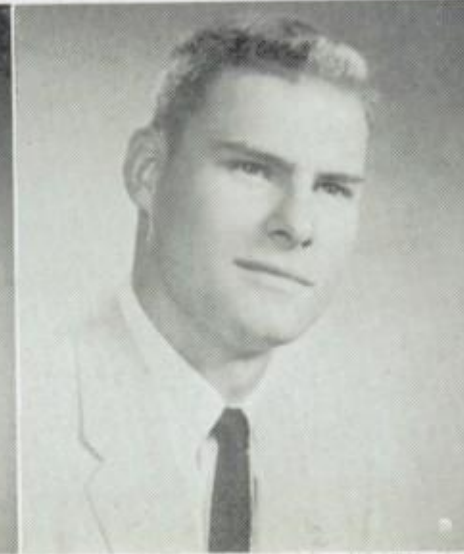
BARBARA McKEE — *Practical* — General. Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3. Barb likes to cook.

MARCIA McNOWN — *Cute* — General. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Twirler 3; Glee 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 4; Dramatics Playhouse 3; Thespian Society 3, 4. "Mart" plans to go into the field of social work.



TED PFISTER — *Muscular* — General. Comet 4; Science Club 2, 3; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; F.F.A. 2, 4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Wrestling 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; 4-H 1, 4; State Math Contest 2; Sr. Rotarian. Farming in the future for Ted.

SAUNDRA PRIBLE — *Genial* — General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3. Won first prize for a suit at State Fair. Sandra will attend a beautician school at Fort Wayne in the fall.





JERRY RANDALL—*Versatile*—General. Retro Associate Sports Editor; Science Club 3; Student Council 1; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, Sec. 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Athletic Councilman 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Track 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4; Sr. Rotarian. Jerry aspires to be a coach.

JIM ROBBINS—*Reserved*—General. Comet 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Athletic Councilman 2; Football Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Sr. Rotarian. "Mayor's" hobby is hot rods.

JIM ROBERTS—*Happy*—General. Intramural Basketball 3, 4. Came from Florida in his junior year. Jim is especially interested in welding.

JANET REBER — *Independent* — Commercial. Y-Teens 1, 2, 3; Glee 1, 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4. Her trusty little coupe has taken her many interesting places. Her skillful basketball playing will be missed in G.A.A.



FRED SCHULTZ—*Witty*—Academic. Retro Underclassman and Faculty Editor; National Honor Society 4; Science Club 2, 3; Class Play 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4, Tribune 2, Quaestor 3, Consul 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Class Pres. 3, 4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Track 1; Dramatics Club 3; Sr. Rotarian. Fred plans to attend law school or business college.

KAREN SHEETS — *Efficient* — Commercial. Retro Faculty and Underclassman Editor; Comet 3; National Honor Society 3, 4, Treas. 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Thespian Society 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4. A secretarial job in the future for Karen.

LARRY SLIGER—*Reliable*—General. Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Wrestling Manager 3; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, Captain 4. Larry plans to work at the Fruehauf Trailer Company in Fort Wayne after graduation.

BETTY STEELE—*Comedienne*—General. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Dramatics Club 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. Betty plans to become a dental hygienist. Her hobbies are sports of all kinds.

ELIZABETH SPEHEGER—*Dreamer*—General. Latin Club 2; Class Play 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2, 3, Sec. 4; Class Treas. 1; Cheer Block 1; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3. Beauty school or nurse's training in the immediate future.

BOB STEELE—*Unpredictable*—General. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Football 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Track 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4. It's the U. S. Army for Bob. Later he hopes to be a TV technician. Bob is an avid sports fan.





BERNADINE STEFFEN—*Kindly*—General. Comet 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2; Thespian Society 3, 4. Bernie plans to further her education.

CAROLYN STEFFEN — *Agreeable* — Commercial. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Thespian Society 4; State Algebra Contest 1. A future secretary.

JOANN STEFFEN — *Superstitious* — General. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4. "Jo" plans to attend Warner's Beauty College. She keeps a scrapbook of school activities.

CATHERINE STEINER—*Sweet*—Commercial. Glee 1, Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 4; Dramatics Club 3; Thespian Society 3, 4. Cathy's hobby is collecting records. After graduation she is moving to Chicago.

RANDY TURNER—*Mechanical*—General. F. F. A. 1; Football 3; Intramural Basketball 3. Racers and racing are Randy's hobbies. He plans to become a soldier.

KAROL UHRICK—*Conscientious*—Commercial. Y-Teens 4; Glee 4; Cheerblock 4. "Katie" came to B.H.S. from Muncie Central in her senior year. Hopes to attend beauty school.



GERALDINE VANEMON—*Unobtrusive*—Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheerblock 1, 2, 3, 4. In this small package there's dynamite.

MIRIAM WELSH—*Businesslike*—Commercial. Class Play 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3; Retro Typist. Miriam plans to work a year before attending International Business College.

JAMES WILLIAMS—*Subdued*—General. Basketball 1; Track 1, 2. Jim moved to Bluffton from Roll in his sophomore year.

MONA WILSON—*Graceful*—Commercial. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheerblock 1, 2, 3, 4. Mona plans to get a job after graduation.

SUSANE CLARK—*Determined*—Commercial. Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4, Reporter 4. "Susie's" cheerful chatter will certainly be missed around B.H.S. She hopes to become a beautician after graduation. She is an ardent lover of horses and is happiest when on horseback.





Senior Officers

Secretary Shirley Markley, Vice-President Roxy Nelson, President Fred Schultz, Treasurer Barbara Heller, and Athletic Councilman Terry Flowers busily organize the dance committees.



Senior Sponsors

Miss Nagel, Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Larmore and Mrs. Crownover give their expert advice and assistance in guiding the seniors through the final busy year.

Senior History

The seniors found their last year to be a busy and most eventful one.

They sold concessions at the football games and held dances in the gym after the home games.

Early in the year with the announcement of the Retrospect staff and the class play cast some real work started.

During the holiday season many of the seniors busily decorated the business district of our town with festive Christmas decorations.

B. Davis proudly displays his coveted diploma to classmates G. Huffman, V. Grover, and Gordon.

The seniors were thrilled to witness for the third time in their high school career the Tigers' capturing the Sectional championship.

With the coming of spring came the final graduation preparations. Caps and gowns were fitted, announcements purchased, and on May 25, the seniors turned the tassels on their caps and became proud alumni of B. H. S.

Oh, those term papers!! Roberts, M. Butler, T. Flowers, V. Grover.





Smo-o-o-th and Mellow—every note!

Save some for me!!

Pfister enlightens Hiester on a physics toughie.

Moving again?

Chivalry is dead?

Even concession chores meet with approval.

Debits and credits—how puzzling!

"The Long, Long Trailer."





JUNIORS Have

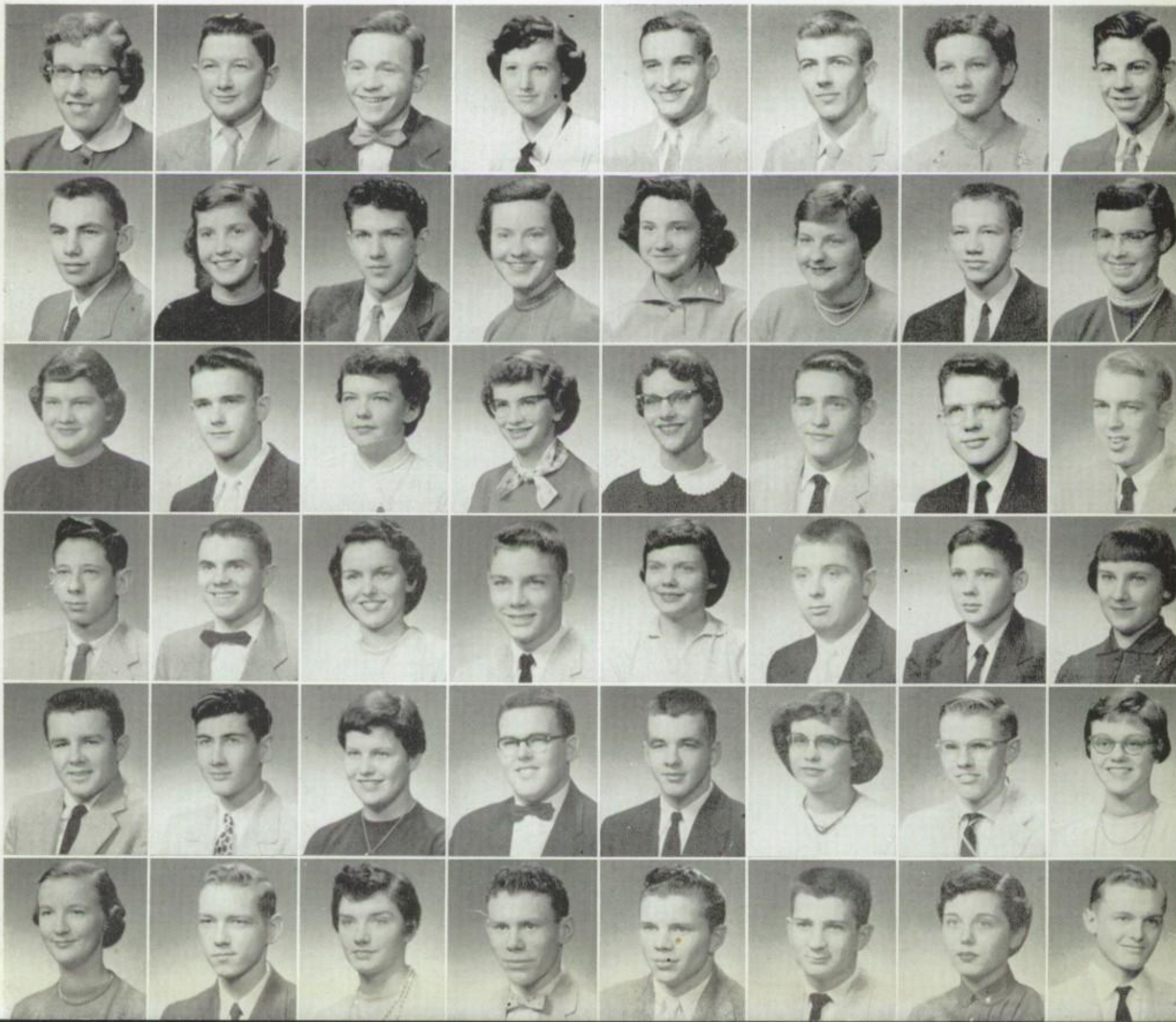
Junior Officers

Vice-president Janice Burroughs tells President Dave Flowers, Treasurer Dorothy Gass, and Athletic Councilman John Smekens that although the fire extinguishers that they sold as a money-making project are small, they do the job well. (Secretary Karen Santon not pictured.)

Class

Thrilling moments were provided for the juniors when the long awaited class rings arrived. The dirty socks resulting from the sock hop did not dim the enthusiasm shown at their class party. "Have you bought your fire extinguishers yet?" was the question ask-

ROW ONE: Alberson, Alexander, B. Arnold, August, Beer, F. Booth, N. Bowman, Bracht.
 ROW TWO: Brower, L. Brown, Bulger, Burroughs, A. Carnall, B. Carnall, Christianson, Crosbie.
 ROW THREE: Croy, Deam, Deming, P. Dorrance, M. Elston, Emshwiller, Fitzpatrick, D. Flowers.
 ROW FOUR: Foreman, B. Franze, Gass, J. Geels, M. Geels, B. Gelow, Jack Gregg, Groh.
 ROW FIVE: Grove, Harness, G. Harter, W. Harter, D. Higgins, Hill, Hinesley, N. Holloway.
 ROW SIX: C. Huffman, Huss, Beverly Inskeep, Kaehr, V. Kahn, Ben King, E. Kneuss, Krinn.



an Active Year

Junior Sponsors

Mr. Templin and Mr. Broman are busy discussing the junior-senior reception plans. NOT PICTURED: Miss Ritter, Mrs. Venis.



History

ed as they worked energetically to increase the class treasury.

Their first plunge into the field of dramatics, "George Washington Slept Here," revealed many promising actors and actresses.

The traditional junior-senior reception drew a close to the junior year.

ROW ONE: Lautzenheiser, D. Lockwood, C. McFarren, Maddux, J. Markley, Marshall, Marshman, Mayer.

ROW TWO: Motz, C. Myers, S. Myers, Neff, C. Neuenschwander, Newell, Osborn, B. Penrod.

ROW THREE: Porter, J. Rhodes, Riggle, Rockwell, Romine, R. Ross, Santon, Schaefer.

ROW FOUR: Schmidt, A. Scott, E. Scott, L. Scott, A. Sheets, Shepard, J. Smekens, Smeltzer.

ROW FIVE: T. Snider, Sprowl, Stogdill, M. Sutton, R. Taylor, Jerry Thompson, Tillet, Turmail.

ROW SIX: Tyndall, J. Ulmer, Uptgraft, S. Van Emon, K. Venis, Weaver, Wells.





SOPHOMORES Move

Sophomore Officers

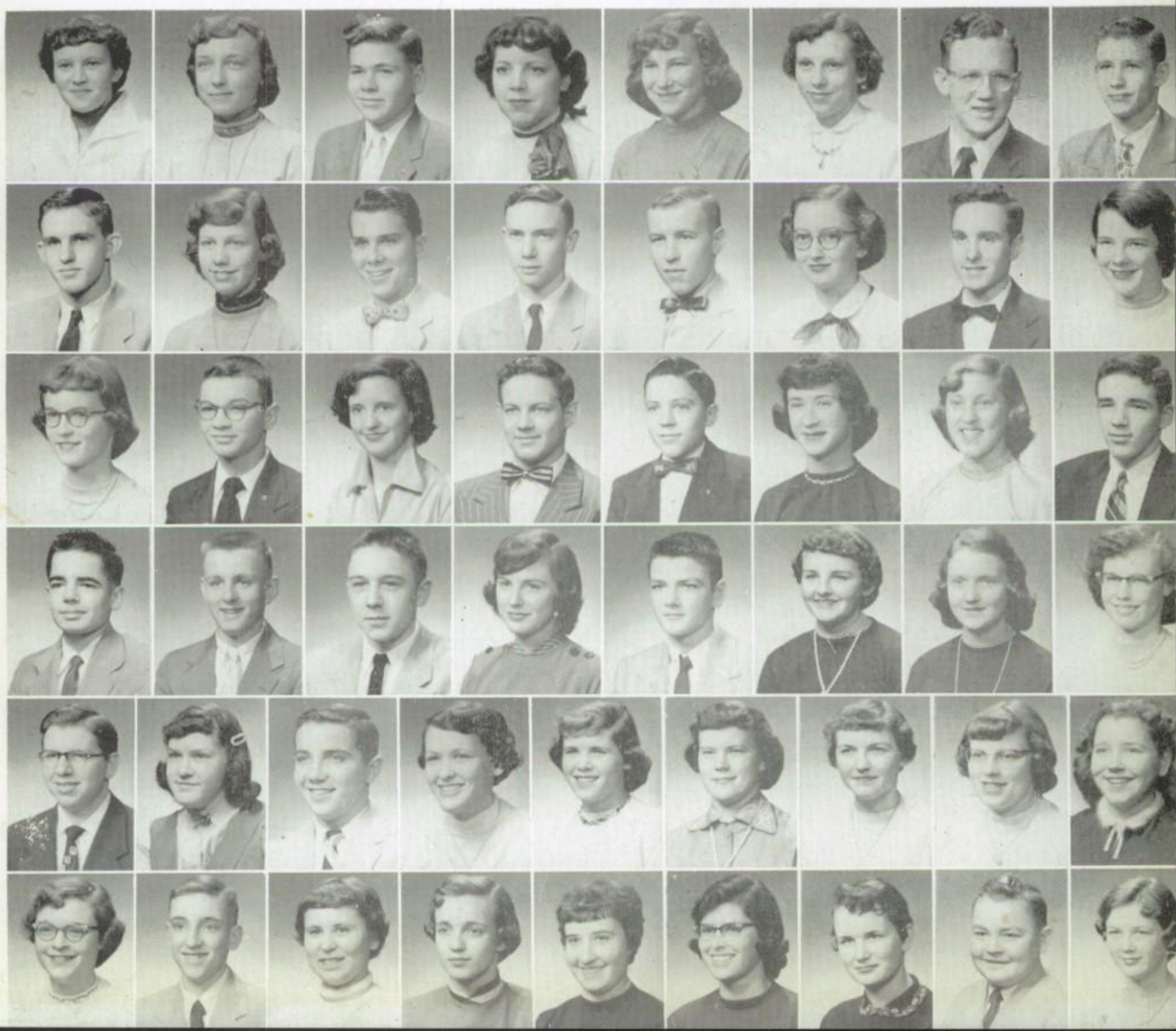
Treasurer Dorothy Worthman, Secretary Betty Lenoard, President Jerry Hook, Vice-President Ted Wasson, and Athletic Councilman Bob Shafer are having a friendly chat before classes begin.

Class

The sophomores moved into the swing of things by joining the Hi-Y, Y-Teens, and other organizations. They held a party at Steury's Hall where a talent show was given

ROW ONE: D. Arnold, Barwiler, Bates, B. Betz, D. Betz, D. Brown, Cochran, Colbert.
 ROW TWO: D. Creek, Crump, W. Cupp, Curtis, J. Davis, Earhart, Edington, Eichhorn.
 ROW THREE: Eisaman, R. Elston, Faus, Freese, Gavin, Gross, Guthrie, W. Hammond.
 ROW FOUR: E. Hiatt, High, Hook, Ingmire, K. Inskeep, Isch, Johnston, Jones.
 ROW FIVE: E. Kahn, S. Keller, Kunkel, B. Larmore, Leimgruber, B. Lenoard, Lesh, McBride, Liggett.
 ROW SIX: S. McFarren, L. Markley, Mason, Mead, Melton, Meyer, Milholland, K. Miller, Y. Mittlestedt.

NOT PICTURED: Hale, Helbig.



Into New Activities

Sophomore Sponsors

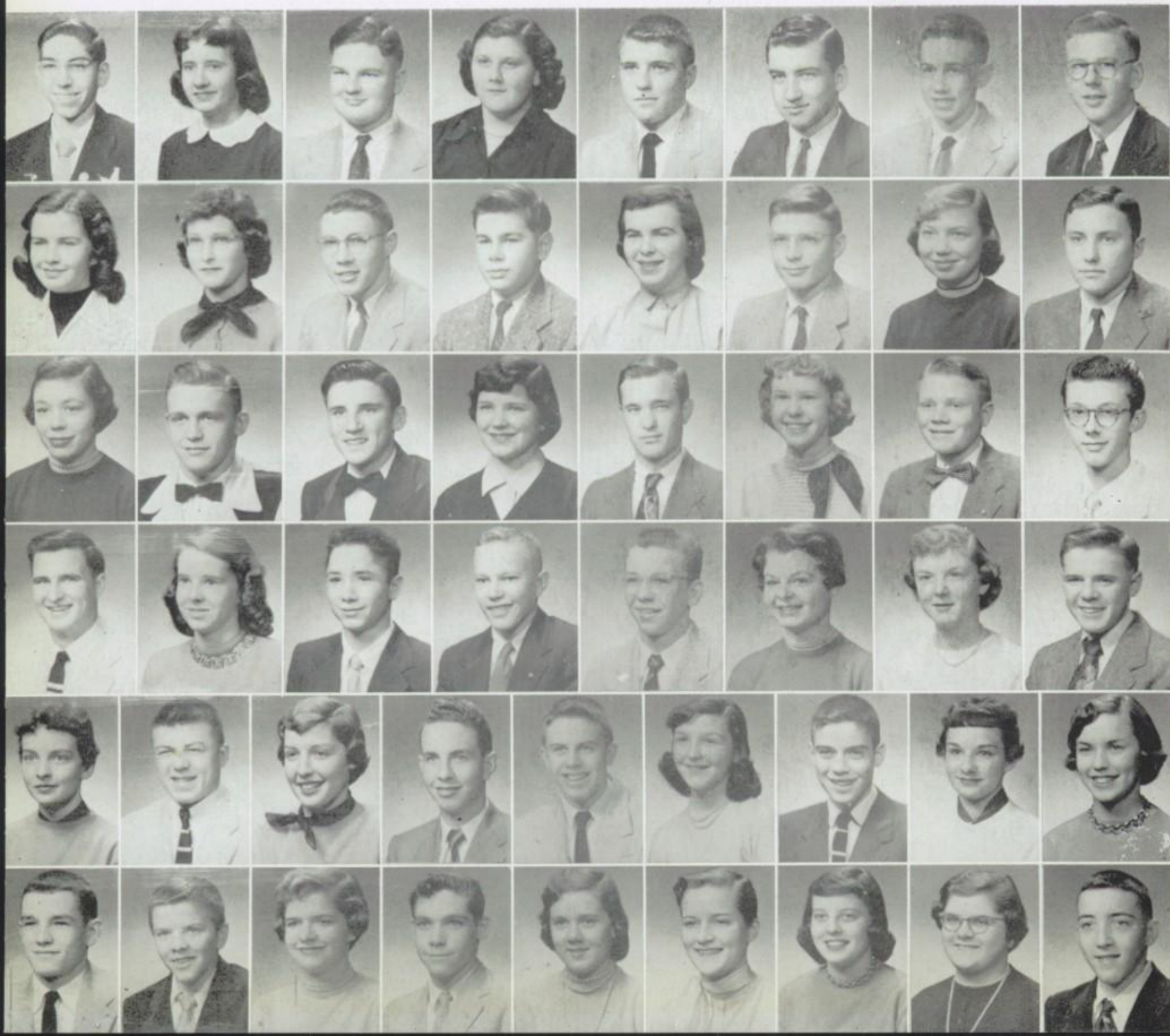
Mr. Compton and Mr. Bennett get a chuckle as Mr. McNown buys a ticket for a school activity. NOT PICTURED: Miss Beitler.



History

by members of the class. In order to boost their treasury, the SOPH-O-MORES enthusiastically sold wrapping paper.

ROW ONE: Moser, Munson, D. Pace, P. Pace, D. Park, Peeper, Pence, C. Penrod.
 ROW TWO: D. Perry, J. Pfister, Plummer, Poling, Powell, D. Prible, Redd, Reeves.
 ROW THREE: Richey, Riemke, J. Rush, Sawyer, Schorey, C. Schreiber, F. Schreiber, Shafer.
 ROW FOUR: F. Sliger, M. Snider, Somers, C. Steele, R. Steury, S. Stout, Swagart, Gene Taylor.
 ROW FIVE: C. Templin, Tewell, Thoma, J. Turner, R. Ulmer, M. VanEmon, P. VanEmon, C. Venis, Ward.
 ROW SIX: Wasson, R. Wible, Wiley, E. Williams, Janet Williams, J. Wilson, Worthman, Zingsheim, Zoll.





FRESHMEN Begin

Freshman Officers

President Larry Bachelor, Athletic Councilman Harold Creed, and Vice-President Ronald Cupp, show Treasurer Bette Kistler and Secretary Suzanne Gerber how to attach seat backs in our new gymnasium.

Class

The freshmen brought lots of pep and energy with them into the halls of B. H. S. Their unusual money-making project, the

ROW ONE: Adams, R. Arend, L. Arnold, Bachelor, Bailer, Barton, Baumgartner, Bender, D. Bennett.

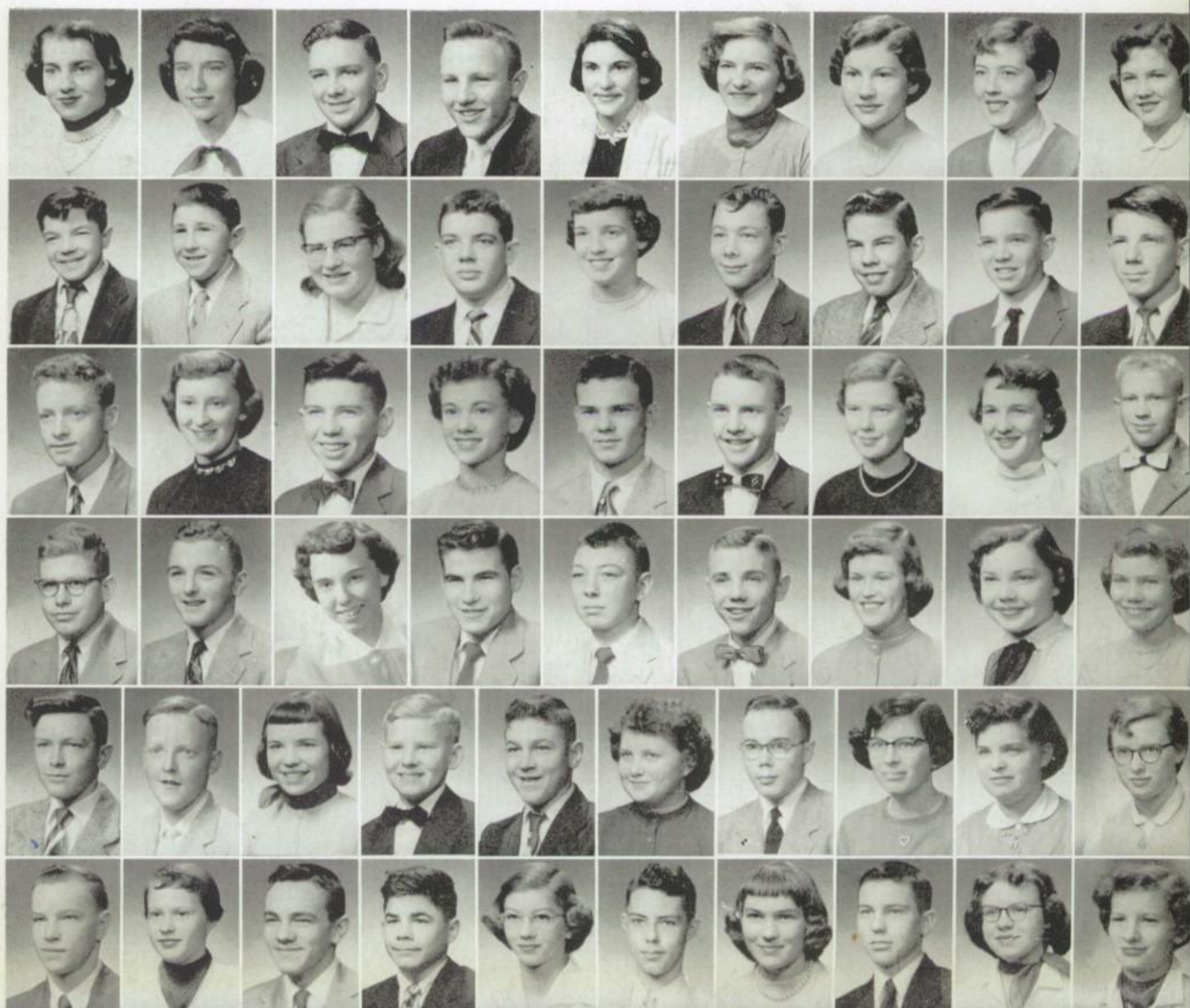
ROW TWO: W. Bennett, Chester Bercot, M. Betz, Bierie, C. Booth, B. Bowman, Brickley, D. Butler, Campbell.

ROW THREE: Carr, C. Clark, Cotton, Crandall, Creed, R. Cupp, Daniels, E. Davis, P. Davis.

ROW FOUR: Egly, Fair, Farling, Flynn, Foster, J. Franze, Frauhiger, Fulton, S. Geels.

ROW FIVE: Gehrett, E. Gelow, S. Gerber, Gibson, Gilgen, Jerry Gregg, Grimes, J. Hammond, Hankins, Hasinbiller.

ROW SIX: Bill Heller, Helms, Henry, J. Hiatt, M. Higgins, Hoffacker, J. Holloway, S. Holloway, Huff, Hunter.



in New Surroundings

Freshman Sponsors

Mr. Hirschinger, Mr. Miller, Miss Powers, and Mr. Hoffman discuss the financial status of the freshmen class.

History

selling of jeebo and cracker jack, was very successful. From the proceeds they gave two-hundred dollars to the million penny fund.



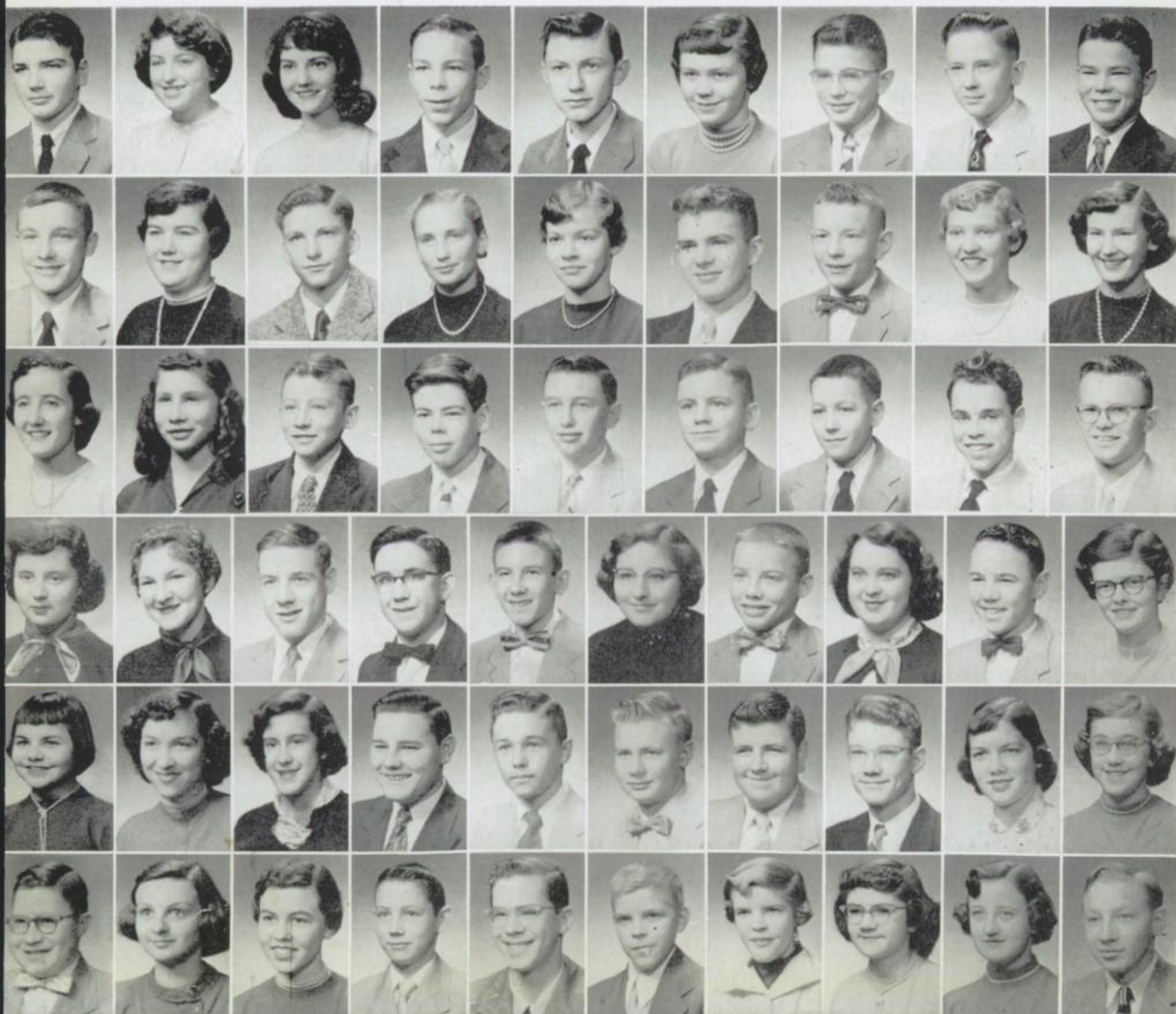
ROW ONE: Bill Inskeep, Johnson, M. Keller, Bob King, Kiser, Kistler, P. Kneuss, Krill, D. Lenoard
ROW TWO: Liby, A. Lusk, Dave Markley, Jan Neanne Markley, Marsh, Maxson, Mettler, M. Micklitsch, B. Miller.
ROW THREE: L. Miller, Nancy Millington, Ned Millington, J. Mittlestedt, Murray, Pearson, E. Perry, H. Perry, Petzel.
ROW FOUR: Piety, S. Ross, Rothgeb, L. Rush,

Shady, Settle, Shaw, Sills, M. Smeckens, V. Snider.

ROW FIVE: Spade, Springer, E. Steffen, L. Steffen, B. Steury, B. Stout, D. Sutton, Tangeman, Gertrude Taylor, Judy Thompson.

ROW SIX: Tudor, Tuttle, C. Ulmer, Vore, White, L. Wible, S. Wible, Jane Williams, Wolfcale, Wolfe.

NOT PICTURED: Reynolds, Stotlar, Wallace.



EVEN THE PENNIES Go---





The doors swing open to the Tigers' new den as the students keep the pennies rolling in.



RETROSPECT Moves Along with Seniors

TOP

ROW FOUR: K. Sheets, Buckner, Schultz, Captain. ROW THREE: P. Micklitsch, Linn, L. Larmore. ROW TWO: Nelson, Kyle, Lee. ROW ONE: S. Dorrance, Borne. STANDING: S. Gregg.

BOTTOM

TOP ROW: S. Gregg, editor-in-chief; Borne, literary editor; Buckner, business manager; Captain, sports editor; S. Dorrance, faculty and underclassmen editor; Kyle, literary editor. ROW TWO: L. Larmore, art editor; Lee, associate editor; Linn, art editor; P. Micklitsch, activities editor; Nelson, activities editor; M. Neuenschwander, typist. BOTTOM ROW: Miss Ritter, sponsor; Noffsinger, typist; Randall, sports editor; Schultz and K. Sheets, faculty and underclassmen editors; Welsh, typist.

The Retrospect is not just a group of pictures snapped here and there to fill up space; it is a collection of unforgettable memories of the four best years of our lives.

The staff spent many long hours arranging picture schedules, writing and checking copy, drawing up and completing the dummy, and selling subscriptions in order to provide for you a complete record of all activities.

Now we are proud to present to you our 1955 RETROSPECT. We hope that you enjoy it.





COMET Also Appears in New Surroundings



Editor-in-Chief Jim Rhodes aided by Business Manager Sara Lee Myers has worked hard to bring the latest happenings to the students of B.H.S.

Because of the confusion involved in moving, the Comet did not make its appearance until the second semester. But after its publication we were well aware of all latest happenings about school.

Editor Jim Rhodes and Business Manager Sara Lee Myers, along with the sponsor, Mr. Park, did a good job in preparing our 1955 Comet editions.

TOP

BOTTOM ROW: C. Schreiber, G. Van Emon, Milby, Langel, McBride. ROW TWO: Speheger, M. McNown, Worthman, Powell, C. Steffen. ROW THREE: Barbara Heller, Thoma, Steiner, Kipfer, Gordon. TOP ROW: S. Prible, J. Steffen, Decker, Noffsinger, B. Larmore. NOT PICTURED: B. Steffen, Masterson, S. Markley.

MIDDLE

BOTTOM ROW: Munson, Redd, Guthrie, Motz. ROW TWO: S. Stout, P. Dorrance, Neff, E. Scott. ROW THREE: Richey, Betty Steele, Santon, Gass. ROW FOUR: Eichhorn, Gross, Maddux, Milholland. TOP ROW: Sawyer, Beverly Inskeep, Meyer, Mead, Y. Mittlestedt. NOT PICTURED: Noonan, G. Harter.

BOTTOM

BOTTOM ROW: C. Venis, K. Venis, M. Butler, Croy, Wells. ROW TWO: L. Brown, Stogdill, Burroughs, Johnston. ROW THREE: J. Ulmer, Tewell, Tyndall, B. Carnall. TOP ROW: V. Snider, L. Arend, M. Elston, R. Taylor. NOT PICTURED: Martin, C. Neuenchwander.

VOCAL DEPARTMENT Boasts New Quarters



For the first time the vocal department has a room it can call its own.

Starting this year, chorus was counted as a solid subject.

The annual Christmas Cantata, consisting of memorized selections, was held at the Reformed Church.

MIXED CHORUS

BOTTOM ROW: C. Steffen, M. Butler, K. Venis, Steiner, G. Harter, Deming. ROW TWO: Langel, P. Micklitsch, E. Kneuss, Buckner, Borne, B. Carnall, L. Brown. ROW THREE: Brower, P. Van Emon, Moser, Jerry Thompson, E. Gelow, Maxson. TOP ROW: D. Higgins, D. Cochran, Bill Harter, Grove, L. Steffen.

DIRECTOR

Mr. Chamberlain works hard at bringing success to his vocal group.

GIRLS GLEE

BOTTOM ROW: M. Adams, Tuttle, Faus, Gertrude Taylor, D. Arnold, Wolfcale, Sills, Denman, McBride. ROW TWO: Rockwell, Ingmire, Shepard, Jones, Croy, Romine, Farling. ROW THREE: Piety, Baumgartner, S. Gerber, Kistler, R. Taylor, Weaver, Milholland, C. Ulmer, Clanin. TOP ROW: P. Dorrance, Smeltzer, Knight, S. Dorrance, N. Bowman, Meyer, Liggett, Crosbie, Maddux.





BOTTOM ROW: Emshwiller, L. Arend, Betty Steele, Judy Thompson, Worthman, C. Templin, Thoma, Costello, Motz, S. Myers, J. Rhodes.

ROW TWO: F. Booth, Mason, Eisaman, Pence, B. Bowman, Tangeman, D. Park, Tyndall, Gass, Lesh, Munson, Settle, Cotton, Hoffacker, E. Scott.

ROW THREE: Y. Mittlestedt, Earhart, Fulton, Barton, Shady, C. Steele, B. Cupp, Mead, Grimes, N. Markley, Bob Steele, Kyle, Ben King, Plummer, T. Snider, Bachelor, G. Huffman, White, Colbert, V. Snider.

TOP ROW: Ward, Sawyer, Schaefer, Moser, Captain, Bates, J. Lockwood, Speheger, Lee, Mr. Schlatter.

BAND Plays In New Atmosphere

With brand new practice rooms and a new classroom, the band has made quite a record for itself.

The Band highlighted its 1954-55 season by playing for the annual Bluffton Street Fair and at the Ball State Homecoming. They won second in the marching contest at Auburn and first in the marching contest at Decatur. From the district solo contest in Fort Wayne several band members brought back honors.

Playing for the first commencement exercises in the new auditorium was the final activity for this year's band.

Director of the band,
Mr. Schlatter.





"ROOM FOR ONE MORE"

Keeps Audience Spellbound

An enthusiastic group of juniors displayed much histrionic ability on their presentation of the heartwarming play, "Room For One More."

Janey, timid and meek, and Jimmy John, a crippled but lonely boy, found love, companionship, and a feeling of security in a family that, in spite of financial difficulties, always found room for one more.

M. McNown, B. Davis, Milby, Lee, L. Larmore, Borne, P. Micklitsch.

Rescued Woman, Welsh; Joey, B. Davis; Betty, Speheger; Janey, P. Micklitsch; Trot, M. McNown; George, Schultz; Mrs. Bittle, Nelson; Mrs. Rose, Borne, Mr. Rose, Durbin; Mrs. Winston, L. Larmore; Director, Mr. McNown; Teensie, Milby; Jimmy John, Lee.

Borne, Milby, L. Larmore, P. Micklitsch, B. Davis, M. McNown, Speheger.





"CURTAIN GOING UP" in New Building

Assistant Director, Miss Nagel; Sylvia, Betty Steele; Joan, P. Micklitsch; Elsie, Masterson; Lorry, Milby; Nancy, Langel; Janet, M. McNown; Buck, B. Lusk; Director Mr. McNown; Woman, Welsh; Miss Rivers, Kyle; Miss Moran, Nelson; Mr. Carter, French; Miss Burgess, Borne; Kyle Roberts, S. Gregg; Jocko, J. Lockwood; Mr. Peterson, Randall; Mr. Leveridge, E. Higgins; Milt, Lee; Andy, Schultz.

It was "Curtain Going Up" for the first time in the new auditorium but the last chance for the seniors to show their dramatic talent.

Unusual, charming, and entertaining—such was the three-act comedy, "Curtain Going Up." It was the story, in humorous terms, of a play being rehearsed for a high school performance. All the action took place on the stage in the auditorium itself. The novelty of the comedy was that it required a bare stage, where almost anything could happen, and it did.

Schultz, Milby, J. Lockwood, Langel.

B. Lusk, Masterson, M. McNown, Langel, Lee.





Steiner demonstrates make-up on Langel as C. Steffen, Decker, L. Larmore, S. Dorrance, Kyle watch.

UNDERSTUDIES—Mayer, N. Bowman, M. Geels, Gass, Riggle, N. Holloway, Crosbie, A. Sheets, K. Venis, P. Dorrance, Weaver, E. Kneuss, R. Taylor, Maddux, Burroughs, B. Carnall, M. Elston, S. Myers, Wells, Motz, Deming, E. Scott, Tyndall, J. Rhodes, Stogdill.

NOT PICTURED: Santon, Milby, Martin.

These senior Thespians who are reading plays are Borne, S. Gregg, P. Micklitsch, J. Lockwood, Betty Steele, Schultz, French, M. McNown, Nelson.

Lee dramatizes to Mr. McNown, L. Arend, Buckner, Gordon, K. Sheets.

THESPIANS Make Way For Scenery

This rapidly growing and nationally known organization built flats for the new supply of scenery.

At Christmas time the understudies worked for points for membership into the society by presenting a one-act Christmas play for the high school students and the Central P. T. A.

The new members were initiated into the organization at a dinner at the home of Lois Larmore.

The officers of this year are President Bob Lee, Vice-President Pat Micklitsch, Secretary Jayne Martin, Treasurer Marcia McNown, Scribe Karen Sheets, and sponsor Mr. McNown.

HI-Y Concession Moves

The meeting place for friends between games was near the new and well-equipped Hi-Y concession stand. With the new \$500, mica-topped counter and a brand new electric coke cooler, the boys were well equipped for the rush of thirsty and hungry basketball fans at the halves and between games.

One of the highlights of this year's program was the distribution of Christmas food

baskets to needy families in the community.

The officers who have led the way this very prosperous year are President Tom French, Vice-President Jerry Randall, Treasurer Jim Rhodes, Secretary Dick Schmidt, Chaplain Jack Fitzpatrick, and Sergeant-at-arms Joe Creek. Mr. Ulmer, sponsor, was always around to lend a helping hand.

TOP ROW: Mr. Ulmer, Shafer, J. Rhodes, Wasson, Osborn, W. Cupp, Bob Harter, T. Pfister, French, Bill Harter, Schultz, T. Snider, B. Lusk.

ROW THREE: Uptgraft, Cochran, Huss, E. Higgins, Kunkel, Hiester, Fitzpatrick, Hook, D. Park, K. Inskeep, Bates, Grove, F. Booth.

ROW TWO: P. VanEmon, D. Higgins, Ben King, A. Scott, B. Ulmer, W. Hammond, J. Geels, Emshwiller, Kaehr, D. Prible, D. Lockwood, Bob Steele, T. Flowers.

BOTTOM ROW: Tyndall, J. Ulmer, Robbins, Schmidt, R. Steury, F. Schreiber, C. Steele, Lee, Tewell, Gavin, Lautzenheiser, J. Davis, J. Smekens.





BOTTOM ROW: S. Gregg, Costello, E. Holloway, Butler, Clanin, Denman, S. Carnall, Decker, Gordon. ROW TWO: Jane Gregg, S. Prible, C. Bercot, Langel, M. McNown, M. Neuenschwander, V. Grover, J. Grover. TOP ROW: Nelson, L. Larimore, Linn, G. Harter, Barbara Heller, K. Davis, S. Dorrance, Buckner.

BOTTOM ROW: Motz, L. Brown, C. Steffen, G. Van Emon, Hill, C. McFarren, M. Geels, Deming, Croy, Burroughs. ROW TWO: Mayer, J. Steffen, Welsh, Speheger, Betty Steele, N. Holloway, Marshman, Alberson. TOP ROW: Huffman, August, Beverly Inskeep, E. Kneuss, P. Dorrance, S. Myers, Maddux, B. Carnall, M. Elston, Crosbie.

Y-TEENS Have Active Year



If anyone was in doubt of the basketball schedule all he had to do was hunt up a Y-Teen member and buy one of the schedule pencils they sold. The proceeds went to the Million Penny Fund.

Indian Summer was the theme for the annual banquet held in the basement of the Methodist Church.

The new flags on either side of the stage were donated by the Y-Teen Club.



Vice-President Kyle explains the program for the year to cabinet members: President P. Micklitsch, Borne, L. Arend, Myers, Treasurer Gass, Secretary Wells, K. Sheets, and Sponsor Mrs. Crownover.

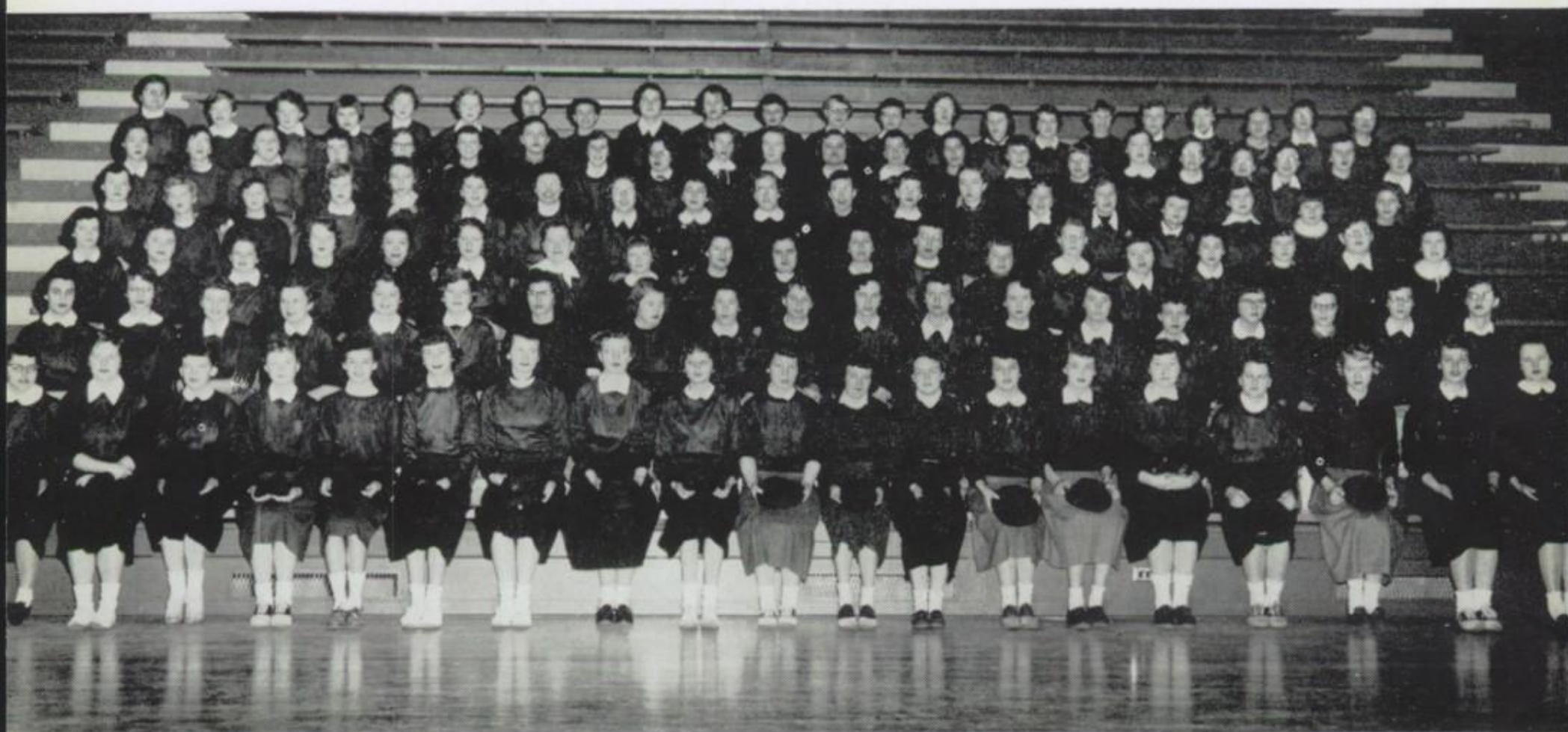
A group of Y-Teen members and their guests enjoy the annual Y-Teen Banquet.



BOTTOM ROW: Richey, S. Stout, Mason, C. Venis, Munson, C. Schreiber, Janet Williams, Ward, M. VanEmon, D. Perry. ROW TWO: Isch, Ingmire, S. McFarren, J. Wilson, Zingsheim, Wiley, Powell, P. Pace, Y. Mittlestedt, Johnston. TOP ROW: Worthman, Thoma, C. Templin, Mead, Jones, B. Larmore, Melton, Meyer, Swagart, J. Pfister, Sawyer.



BOTTOM ROW: Leimgruber, S. Keller, Sprowl, Rockwell, Romine, D. Betz, B. Lenoard, S. Van Emon, B. Penrod, Guthrie. ROW TWO: Eisaman, Lesh, Stogdill, K. Venis, E. Scott, N. Bowman, C. Neuenschwander, Neff, A. Sheets. TOP ROW: D. Arnold, Crump, Barwiler, Earhart, Eichhorn, Gross, Smeltzer, R. Taylor, Weaver.



CHEERBLOCK Dons New Hats for Games

In the spacious new gym with good seating facilities, the cheerblock turned out some splendid performances to back our scrappy Tiger team.

Their peppy rendition of the yells drew favorable comments from both the local fans and visitors.



BOTTOM ROW: Ward, Mason, P. Van Emon, High, C. Venis, C. Schreiber, Eisman. **ROW TWO:** Gross, Wiley, Eichhorn, Johnston, C. Templin, S. Stout, J. Davis, Thoma, Worthman. **ROW THREE:** K. Davis, Meyer, Y. Mittlestedt, Richey, Sawyer, Zingsheim, B. Larmore, Mead, Miss Nagel, D. Park. **TOP ROW:** E. Hiatt, J. Riemke, Freese, Cochran, J. Rhodes, Kunkel, Wasson, W. Hammond, Schultz.

Sodality Latinae

Membership Climbs to New High

Boasting its largest membership in many years, the Latin Club, Sodality Latinae, provided for its members many insights into the life of the Romans. A Christmas party was the highlight of the semester. In February the fourth annual Roman Banquet was held.

The club, composed of the second, third, and fourth year Latin students, was directed by Consul Schultz, Praetor J. Rhodes, Quaestor K. Davis, Scriba Y. Mittlestedt, Tribunus Plebis High, and Sponsor Miss Nagel.

Student Librarians

Assist in Library Work

Forming a new organization in school, the student librarians assisted Mrs. Christian in her never-ending duties of helping students find the library material which they needed. Aside from their regular duties in the library, the librarians had the responsibility of decorating the bulletin board in the main hall to draw quick response to all activities and secure interest in new material.



Busily at work are student librarians. **STANDING:** Mrs. Christian, E. Kneuss, Milby, Denman, S. Gregg, Hasinbiller, Decker, Gordon. **SEATED:** Kyle, K. Venis, Nelson.

Members discuss poster plans —
STANDING: J. Rush, Vice - President L. Larmore, Hunter, Secretary N. Holloway, Sponsor Mrs. Wallace.
SEATED: S. Ross, President Bob Harter, B. Arnold, Treasurer Johnston.



The Dabblers were a very busy organization this year. Sponsored by Mrs. Wallace, the club had as its chief projects making posters for the public library and mending our mascot, Leroy, who, after last year's sectional battles, needed some touching up. Their biggest responsibility was the check room at all varsity basketball games.

Dabblers

Handled Check Room at
 Ball Games

The Bluffton Chapter of F. F. A. acquired a new farm located east of Bluffton. The responsibility of this not only replenishes the club's treasury but also gives practical experience in farming as well.

F. F. A.

Acquires New Farm

Nolan Markley, Joe Creek, and Charles Captain represented the Bluffton chapter at the National Vegetable Judging contest in January at Cincinnati.

STANDING: Sentinel Foreman, Hinesley, Gray, T. Pfister, Geisel, J. Creek, Dunwidie, B. Lusk, L. Scott, Captain, D. Creek, B. Geels, Kaehr, Egly, K. Inskeep. **SEATED:** D. Prible, Vice-President N. Markley, President Beer, Treasurer Krinn, P. Davis, Chester Bercot, Secretary Alexander, Mr. Miller. **NOT PICTURED:** D. Markley, D. Lockwood.





National Honor Society

Eight seniors and five juniors were excited students when they were initiated into the National Honor Society last February. Members are selected from the upper third of their class and chosen for their scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

STANDING: P. Micklitsch, Buckner, L. Larmore, Sponsor Miss Powers, Kyle, Nelson, Fitzpatrick, M. Neuenschwander, S. Gregg, E. Scott. SEATED: Captain, S. Dorrance, Gordon, K. Sheets, Schultz, D. Flowers, Gass, J. Rhodes.

Quill and Scroll

Juniors and seniors who are interested in journalistic work have Quill and Scroll as their goal.

This small, select honorary group was chosen for its outstanding work on the Comet or Retrospect staffs.

S. Gregg, Kyle, Lee, Borne, Buckner, S. Myers, J. Rhodes.





Student Council Sponsors

Magazine Drive for Penny Fund

A door to door solicitation was made during our magazine campaign, a project started by the student council to boost our million penny fund.

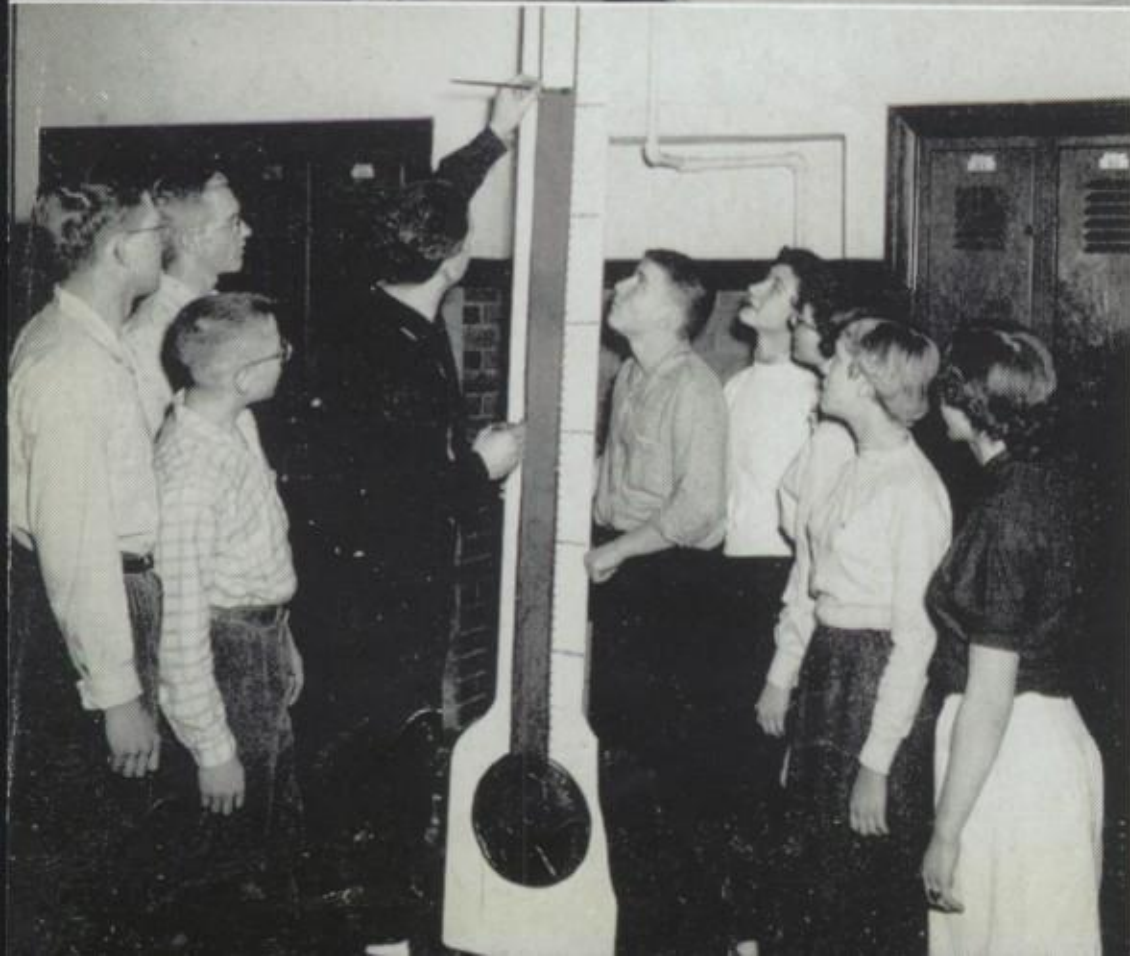
The student council provided guides for tours of the new building when open house was held.

They sponsored one of the first events in our new auditorium, a program by the Singing Hoosiers of Indiana University.

This representative group discussed and handled many other important school problems and situations throughout the entire school year.



The members who watch Secretary P. Micklitsch type up the minutes of the last meeting are Bachelor, Bill Heller, Wasson, Vice-President Fitzpatrick, Schultz, L. Ar-end, Mead, S. Gregg.



Adviser Mr. Park watches as Hook, Baumgartner, and Barbara Heller count pennies and D. Flowers, Schmidt, and D. Higgins check for the room highest in the week's penny parade.

E. Higgins, Shaw, J. Creek, D. Park, Gross, Kyle, M. Micklitsch, and K. Sheets watch as Bob Harter records the rise on the penny fund thermometer.

NOT PICTURED: President French, Lee.

EVERY MUSCLE PUT TO USE---





Hail to the Tigers!
Whatever the game,
They play it well
And live up to their name.

FOOTBALL Brings Us Thrills and Spills



Bluffton gridmen turned in a record of three wins and six losses under their new mentor, Herb Hoffman.

With only four seniors, Coach Hoffman had an inexperienced squad. Although they didn't have a winning season, they still showed much fight and spirit.

In conference play the Tigers finished in fourth place. Seven Tigers received recognition from conference play. Selected on the first team were Allan Scott and Bob Harter. Second team members were Dave Flowers and Virgil Kahn. Receiving honorable mention were Dick Uptgraft, Bob Lusk, and Jerry Randall. Allan Scott gained further recognition by receiving honorable mention on the all-state team.

COACHES

Our new football coach, Herb Hoffman, aided by Assistants Phil Jacks and Joe Larmore, ponder over those plays that will get the points.

MANAGERS

Our football managers—Robbins, Bates, and J. Davis—make sure everything's there.

BOTTOM ROW: J. Davis, B. Ulmer, R. Steury, Tewell, F. Schreiber, Somers, D. Park, C. Steele, Hook, B. Arnold, Bates, Robbins.

ROW TWO: Kunkel, Brower, Newell, D. Creek, Uptgraft, A. Scott, Fitzpatrick, Emshwiller, V. Kahn, D. Higgins, Schmidt, Grove, Plummer.

TOP ROW: Coach Larmore, Coach Jacks, J. Geels, D. Flowers, R. Ross, Randall, Bob Harter, B. Lusk, Bob Steele, Bill Harter, Wasson, W. Hammond, Coach Hoffman.

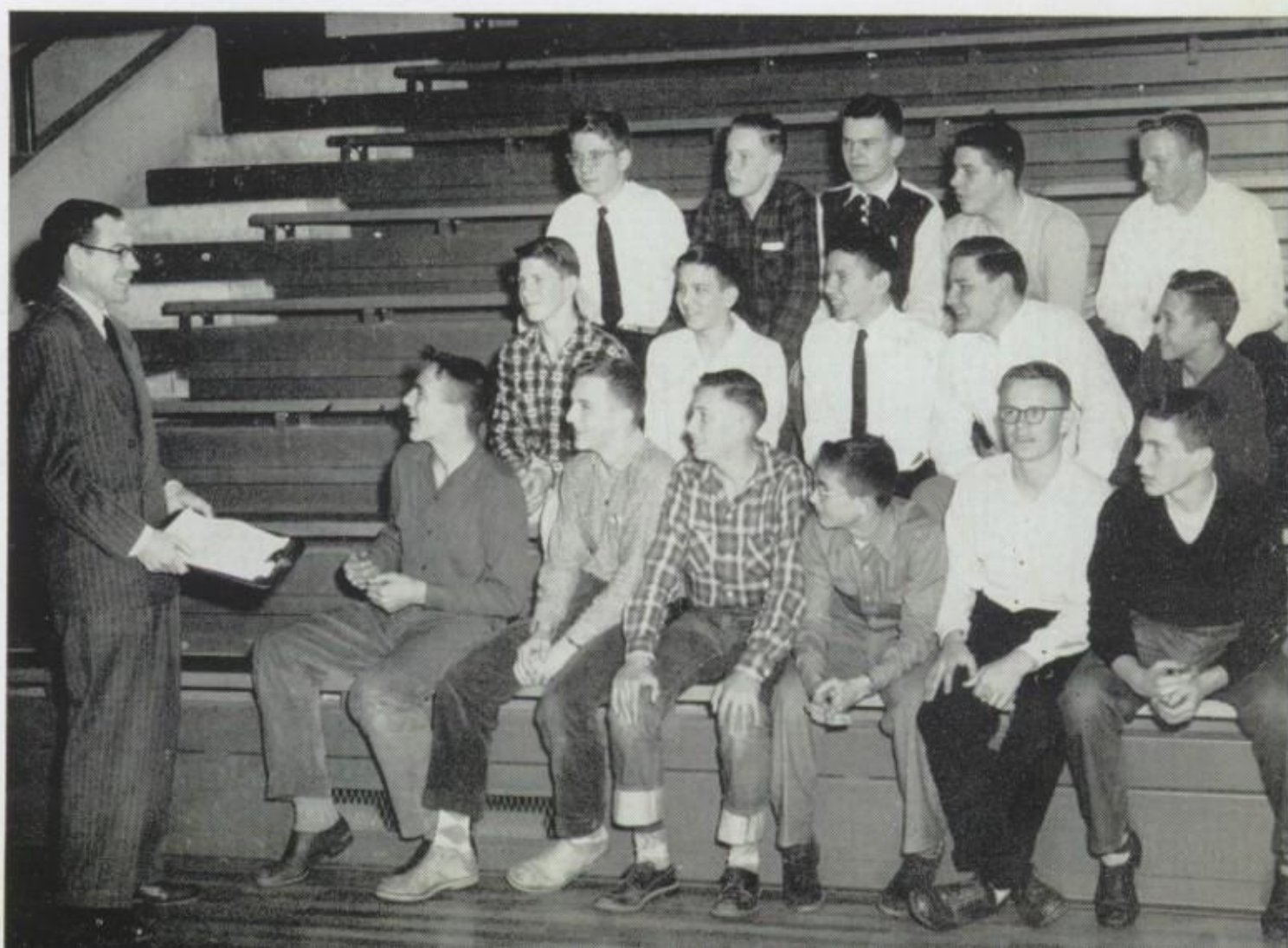




UPPER LEFT: Schmidt (21) leads the pack as the Tigers gain yardage. UPPER RIGHT: Randall (12) attempts to pass down field as the opponents rush in. LOWER LEFT: It's inevitable, a pile-up! Bob Steele (23) and Bill Harter (75) survey the damage. LOWER RIGHT: V. Kahn (28) and R. Ross (24) prepare to meet the foe.

Freshmen

BOTTOM ROW: Freshman Coach Brinson, Henry, Fair, Murray, P. Kneuss, Petzel, S. Holloway. ROW TWO: Campbell, D. Butler, Cotton, L. Steffen, B. Steury. TOP ROW: Tangeman, Bill Heller, Creed, Bierie, Bachelor.





LETTERMEN Receive Awards

JAY BROWER—football
 DAVE CREEK—football, track
 JOE CREEK—track
 GERALD DUNWIDDIE—basketball, football
 JOE EMSHWILLER—football
 JACK FITZPATRICK—basketball, football
 DAVE FLOWERS—baseball, basketball, football

JIM GEELS—football
 KEITH GROVE—basketball, football
 WADE HAMMOND—football, track
 BILL HARTER—football
 BOB HARTER—basketball, football, track
 DON HIGGINS—football
 ED HIGGINS—baseball, basketball

JERRY HOOK—track
 VIRGIL KAHN—football
 DON LOCKWOOD—baseball, basketball
 BOB LUSK—baseball, basketball, football
 STEVE NEWELL—football
 JERRY RANDALL—baseball, basketball, football



DON REEVES—baseball
 JIM ROBBINS—football student
 manager
 RICHARD ROSS—football
 DICK SCHMIDT—baseball, foot-
 ball, track
 ALLEN SCOTT—football, track
 LARRY SCOTT—basketball
 LARRY SLIGER—track student
 manager

BOB STEELE—football
 RUDY STEURY—football
 BILL TEWELL—football
 BOB ULMER—track
 JACK ULMER—basketball stu-
 dent manager
 DICK UPTGRAFT—baseball,
 basketball, football, track
 TED WASSON—basketball, foot-
 ball

“Oh, add-a-point, add another
 point” were familiar chants led
 by Bluffton’s peppy cheerleaders
 during the successful 1954-55 cam-
 paign. LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob
 Davis, Pat Micklitsch, Pat Tho-
 ma, and Marcia McNown.



BOTTOM ROW: Coach Compton, Fitzpatrick, Grove, E. Higgins, D. Lockwood, Uptgraft, Coach Brinson.

TOP ROW: D. Flowers, Bob Harter, Wasson, Dunwiddie, L. Scott, B. Lusk, Randall.

TIGERS Win Sectional

The Bluffton fighting five finished the season with a record of 16 wins against 9 losses. The Tigers had a slow start by losing the first five games. But the expert coaching of Coach Compton brought the Bluffton team through the next eleven games with only one loss. The Tigers finished the season by easily winning the sectional and by clipping Fairmount one point in a sizzling regional game. After a long, well fought battle the Tigers were defeated by the small margin of five points by the Hartford City Airedales in the final regional game.



COACHES

Coach Brinson and Coach Compton wonder who can squeeze into this new jersey.

MANAGERS

J. Ulmer and his faithful helpers, D. Park and Tyndall, prepare uniforms for a game.

SECOND TEAM

BOTTOM ROW: Hinesley, J. Davis, Lautzenheiser, C. Steele, Fitzpatrick, Tewell.

TOP ROW: Bill Harter, D. Creek, A. Scott, Shafer, Hook, B. Ulmer, W. Hammond.





Tigers in Action

UPPER LEFT: D. Lockwood jumps and shoots for another two points.

UPPER RIGHT: Dunwiddie and E. Higgins prepare to get the tip as L. Scott goes high into the air.

LOWER LEFT: Grove puts in another to count against the Garrett Railroaders.

LOWER RIGHT: D. Lockwood grabs the rebound as Wasson, Randall, and D. Flowers prepare for a fast break.



BOTTOM ROW: C. Rhodes, Kunkel. ROW TWO: Uptgraft, Randall, R. Keller, J. Higgins, Harnish, Deming, Reeves, E. Higgins, D. Lockwood. TOP ROW: B. Arnold, Reimschisel, B. Lusk, D. Flowers, Lautzenheiser, Schmidt, Mallers, Athan, Max Micklitsch, Emshwiller, T. Snider, C. Steele, Coach Compton.

TIGERS Annex 1954 N. E. I. C. Crown



With a great pitching staff, a smooth infield, and a hard hitting outfield, the Tigers under Coach Leroy Compton came through with flying colors. Winning eight games while losing only two, they had one of the best seasons in B. H. S. history.

In conference play the Tigers won five games and lost only one. With that record they were crowned N.E.I.C. champions of 1954.

Selected on the conference first team were Rex Athan, Jerry Higgins, Max Micklitsch and Dick Uptgraft. Morris Harnish was selected to the second team. Jim Mallers received honorable mention.



Uptgraft roars to first base.

Mallers tries a bunt.

BOTTOM ROW: A. Scott, Somers, Moser, Harnish, Mallers, Upt-graft, Max Micklitsch, Schmidt, R. Steury.

TOP ROW: Coach Jacks, D. Park, Hook, F. Zingsheim, Captain, J. Creek Bob Harter, D. Creek, B. Ulmer, W. Hammond, Coach Brinson.

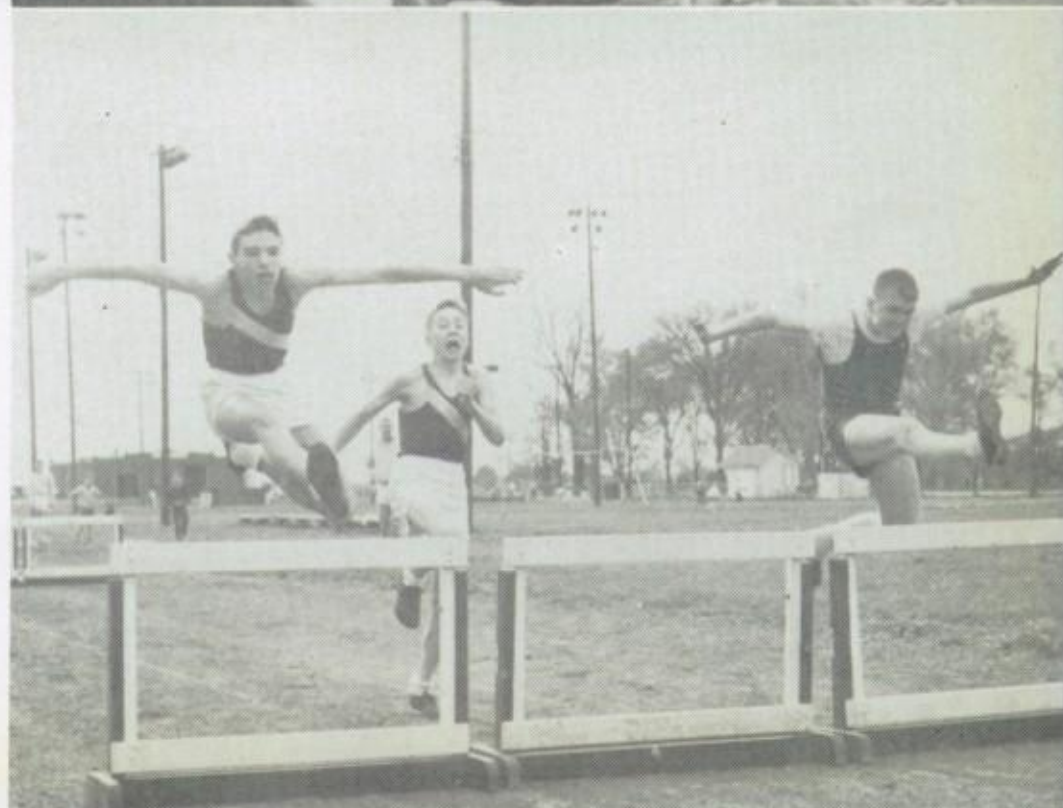


Hard Training Produces Another Fine Track Team

The Bluffton Tiger Thinliclads finished the season with a three-three record. With only four seniors on the team, Coach Brinson and Coach Jacks did a fine job of teaching the fundamentals. The Thinliclads had a rugged spring for training with a very wet track and much cold, windy weather.

Scotty will need all that team support to make this one.

Taking off like birds, Hammond and D. Park get the jump on Hook.





The winning intramural basketball team with captain, T. Pfister.

Intramural basketball captains J. Creek, T. Pfister, L. Sliger, B. Geels, Bob Steele, Robbins.

The winning Intramural bowling team, Bates, C. Penrod, Jack Gregg, Curtis, and L. Markley.

Intramural bowling captains, Schmidt, Osborn, Jack Gregg, and J. Rush talk over the season's records.

BOTTOM ROW: Krill, K. Miller, Tudor.

ROW TWO: T. Flowers, Shady, Colbert, Kiser, C. Myers.

TOP ROW: Mr. Hirschinger, J. Turner, T. Snider, Schaefer, Captain, K. Inskeep.

Captain fires as Colbert, T. Snider and Schaefer aim. C. Myers, Turner, K. Inskeep and K. Miller act as coaches while instructor, Mr. Hirschinger, watches the targets.

Intramural B. B.

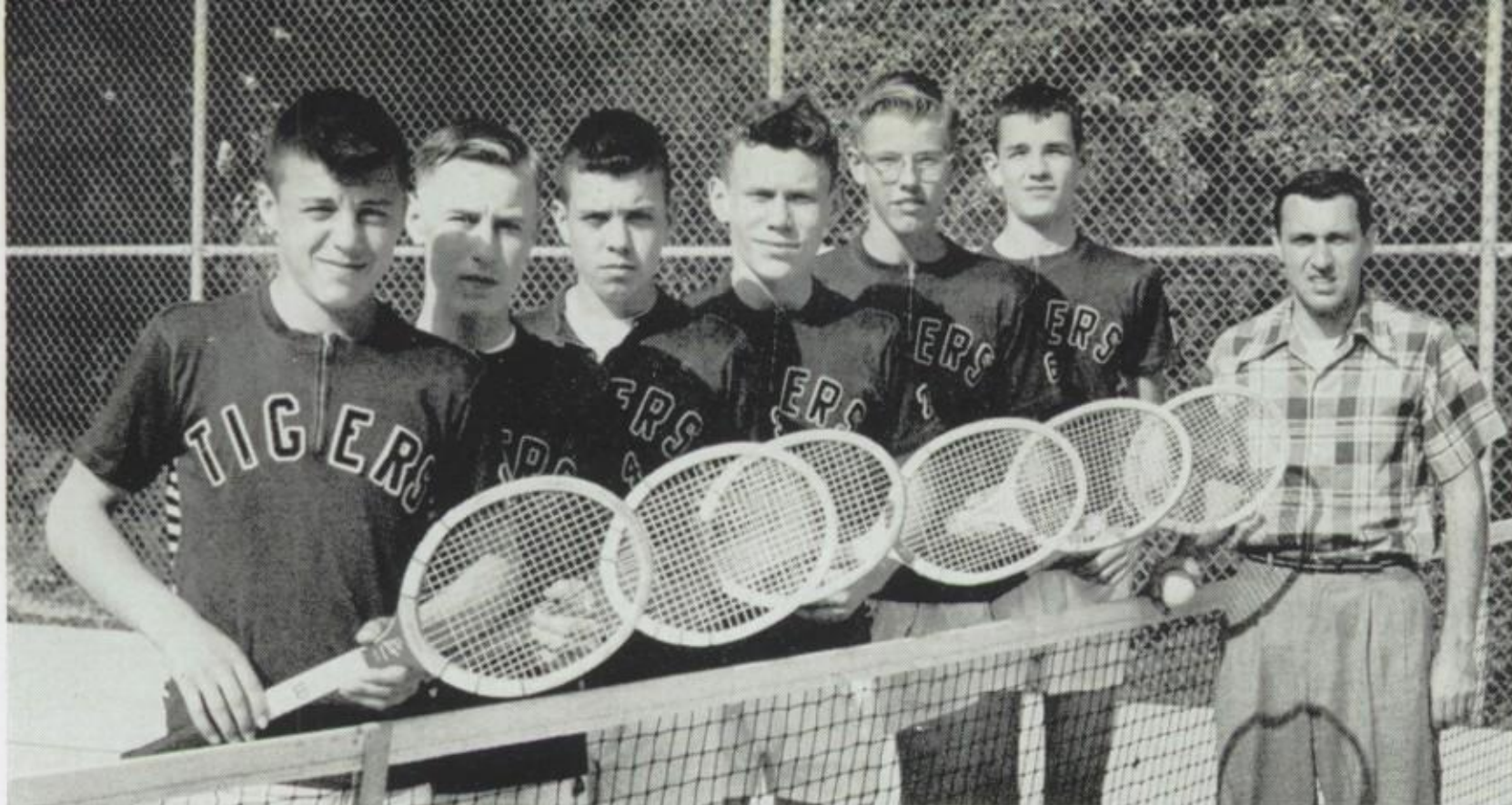
The large number of boys turning out for intramural basketball made it possible to choose six teams. At the conclusion of the games the team of which T. Pfister was captain was the victor with ten wins and no losses.

Bowling

The intramural bowlers turned in a good set of records again this year. The four team captains—Rush, Jack Gregg, Osborn, and Schmidt—drilled their teams for perfection. At the end of the season after many hard fought games Gregg's team emerged as victors.

Rifle Club

B. H. S. added a new sport to the extra-curricular activities. Mr. Hirschinger was instructor for the new "Tiger Gun Club." The officers elected by the fifteen members were President Captain, Vice-President Schaefer, Treasurer Colbert, Secretary Myers, and Range Officer K. Miller.



Tewell, J. Davis, Pennick, Kaehr, Hinesley, Wasson, and Coach Kaufman.

Tennis

The 1954 edition of the Allen High School tennis team had its most successful start since the sport was re-established at Bluffton High in 1951.

With sophomores and freshmen leading the local netters, the record for 1954 showed 3 wins, 8 losses, and 1 tie.

Heading the squad and letter winners were Jack Fitzpatrick, Steve Hinsley, Phil Tyn-dall, Ted Wasson, Bill Tewell, and Jim Davis. Jack Ulmer, Clifton Pennick and Jack Kaehr also saw competition.

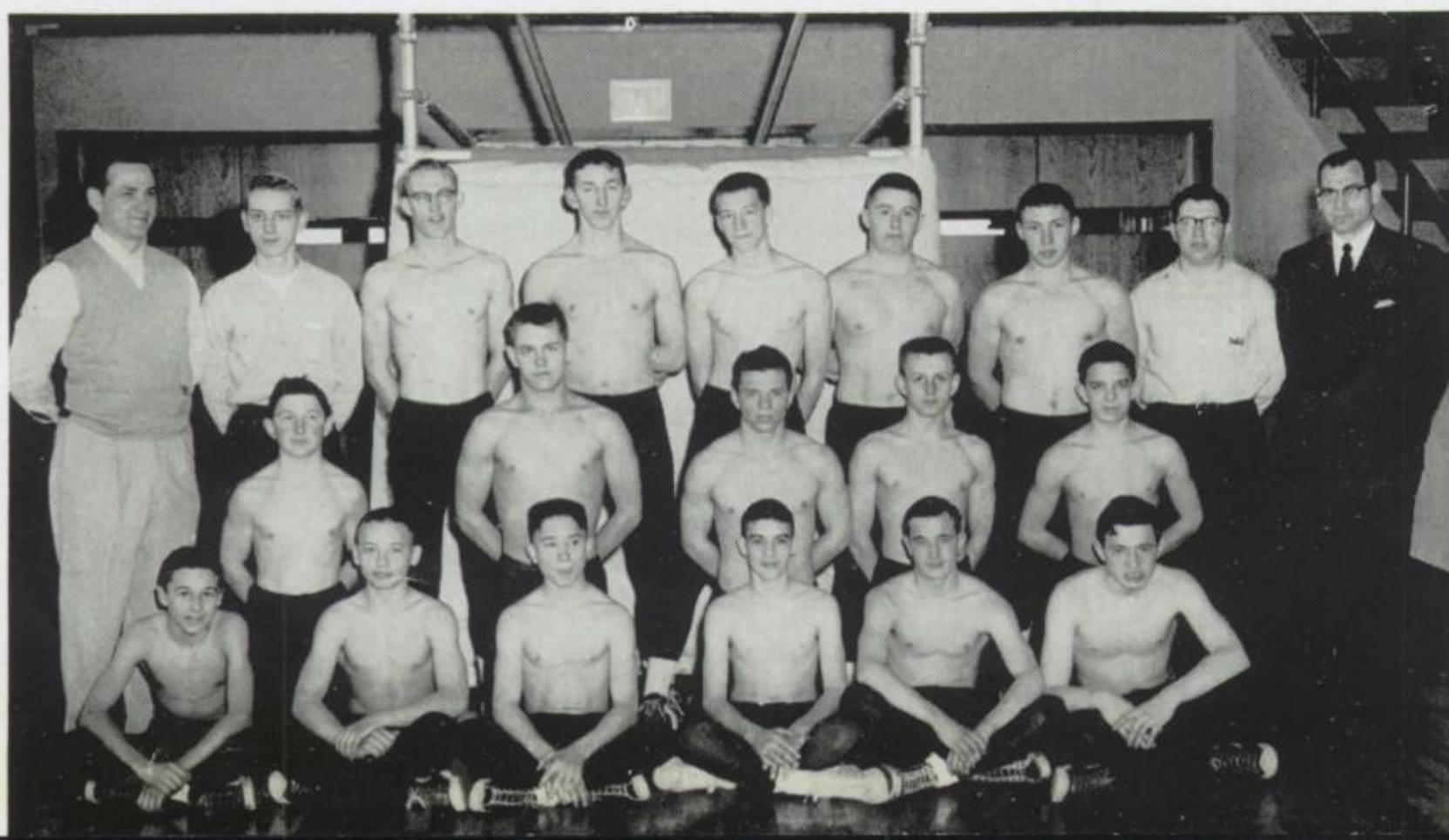
Wrestling

With only one senior on a squad twice as large as the one last year, coaches Brin-son and Jacks are fast building a champion-ship squad. This is the first year that the grapplers have carried a full schedule of 11 matches. The Tigers were victorious over Anderson, Marion, and Park School, Indian-apolis.

BOTTOM ROW: B. Steury, Shaw, Somers, P. VanEmon, Schorey, B. Arnold.

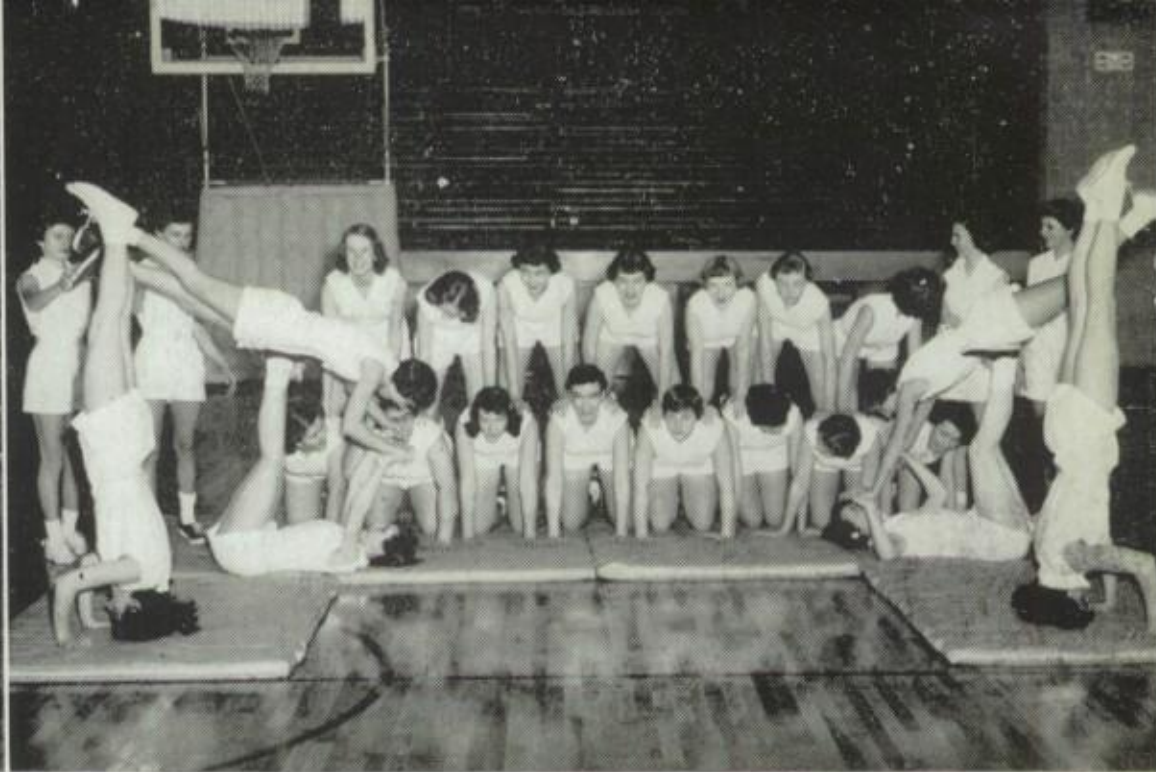
ROW TWO: Alexander, Marshall V. Kahn, High, D. Butler.

TOP ROW: Coach Jacks, Manager Huss, J. Creek, R. Ross, Christianson, B. Gelow, Plummer, E. Kahn, Coach Brinson.





Worthman throws a jump for B. Lenoard and Betty Steele as Eisaman and C. Venis watch.



G.A.A. members show skills at gymnastics.

G. A. A. Stresses Sportsmanship

The Girls' Athletic Association, under the leadership of Miss Beitler, this year increased its membership.

Once a week after school a group of energetic and athletic girls assembled in the gym to engage in sports and games with emphasis on sportsmanship. The girls became quite skilled in basketball and on the 17th of February played the Rockcreek girls' basketball team, winning by six points. On Wednesday

evenings after school many of the girls engaged in bowling at the new bowling alleys south of Bluffton. G.A.A. had volleyball and softball games with other county girls' organizations. They also participated in the County Play Day on March 29.

Officers this year were President Barbara Heller, Vice-President Janet Reber, and Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Worthman.

BOTTOM ROW: Worthman, Reber, Barbara Heller, Betty Steele. ROW TWO: Gertrude Taylor, L. Miller, M. Micklitsch, S. Geels, Helms, C. Venis, S. Stout, C. Schreiber, M. VanEmon, Maddux. ROW THREE: Munson, Ward, K. Venis, B. Lenoard, Johnston, Alberson, Neff, M. Geels, E. Scott. ROW FOUR: Miss Beitler, E. Kneuss, C. Templin, Mead, Thoma, Judy Thompson, Y. Mittlestedt, Eisaman, Milholland. TOP ROW: N. Bowman, V. Snider, Mason, Sawyer, Eichhorn, Gross, Weaver, R. Taylor, Crosbie.





B. H. S. Calendar

Sept. 7—The opening of school found us "moving" down new paths to reach our new location.

Oct. 29—The delightful theme, "Indian Summer," was chosen for this year's Y-Teen banquet.

Nov. 12—The senior's play, "Curtain Going Up," was a most appropriate selection as the curtain went up for the first time on our new stage.

Dec. 12—The spirit of Christmas was really in the air as the Girl's Glee and the Mixed Chorus presented their annual Christmas Cantata.

Jan. 1—Our Tigers displayed a fighting spirit even though they were defeated in the Holiday Tourney.

Feb. 2—A typical underclassman prepares to pass before the cameras of R. S. & M.

Feb. 8—Budding orators showed signs of ability as students from Muncie Burris were our guests for the Junior Town Meeting.

Feb. 24-26—Bluffton proved eligible to show its might at the Regional.

Mar. 11—A packed house thoroughly enjoyed the Junior class presentation of "George Washington Slept Here."

Apr. 24—The band again did an excellent job of presenting its annual Spring Concert.

Apr. 29—The Hi-Y "Best Girl" banquet proved to be a great success.

May 6—The Y-Teen's proudly "showed off" their mothers at this year's "Mother-Daughter Tea."

May 20—An elaborate reception, plus the all-night party, made a most unforgettable experience for each of us.

May 22—A feeling of nostalgia was felt by each senior as he realized this Baccalaureate service was for him.

May 24—On class day many well-deserving students received awards and scholarships.

May 26—Commencement night found the seniors eager to do their best in the world and extremely proud of their B. H. S. diplomas.

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